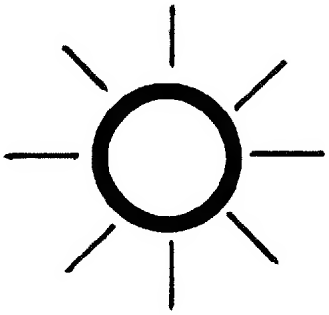

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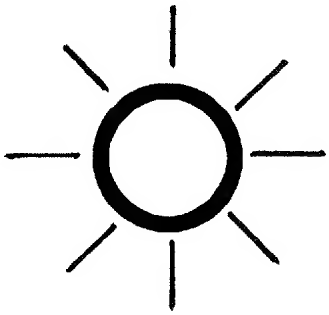

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I. INTRODUCTION

Kanji Mnemonics is an instruction manual for learning Japanese characters. It incorporates powerful mnemonic (memory-assisting) devices to help students learn all 1,945 kanji in everyday use in Japan. The manual assumes only a basic knowledge of Japanese grammar and the kana and is suitable for self-study or use in a classroom setting.

Kanji Mnemonics employs many interactive strategies to facilitate learning kanji. The manual is cumulative in its approach: simple kanji, radicals and elements are learned first and form the basis for the more complex characters that come later. Kanji are organized into natural groups based on mnemonically effective affinities. Structural elements that form each complex kanji are listed and cross-indexed. Finally, kanji are assigned 'mnemonic strings' to make their meanings highly memorable for beginners and advanced students alike.

Although *Kanji Mnemonics* takes a modern, pragmatic approach to learning kanji, it also encourages a sympathetic appreciation of the etymology of these enduring characters and their great antiquity. A brief account of the kanji as pictographs or ideographs and their historic evolution are therefore given in Section I.

Section II presents 98 basic kanji, many of which are derived from simple pictures and symbols. In Section III, kanji are presented in groups that have a common structure and the same ON reading (Sound Groups). Section IV contains groups of kanji that have common structures but whose ON readings are not all the same (Mixed Sound and Structure Groups). Section V contains groups of kanji that have common structures but different ON readings (Structure Groups).

Within each of the Sound, Mixed and Structure groups, kanji are presented in graded levels of difficulty, which is usually (but not always) a function of the number of strokes required to write them. Although the assignment of kanji to levels of difficulty tends to be somewhat arbitrary, there seems little doubt that a Level 1 kanji such as 中 is a lot easier to learn than a Level 3 kanji such as 議. As the simple kanji are mastered, it becomes easier and easier to cope with the difficult ones.

Kanji Came from China

Historically the Japanese people had no written language of their own. Starting in about the fourth century AD and peaking in the sixth, they began borrowing the Chinese system of writing. Since Chinese and Japanese are entirely different spoken languages, the use of Chinese characters (in Japan called kanji, literally characters from Han China) to write Japanese was an unmitigated disaster. At first the sound of the borrowed characters was used to spell out Japanese words, and the Chinese meaning was ignored. This was an inefficient and awkward way of doing things. For example, the character for the sound KI 幾 is highly complex and requires 12 strokes to write (it takes just four strokes with the Roman alphabet). Later, Chinese characters were taken for their meaning only and given a Japanese pronunciation. As a result, nearly two-thirds of kanji today have both a Chinese and Japanese pronunciation (called a 'reading'). The Japanese also supplemented the Chinese system of writing with two alphabets (called hiragana and katakana) of their own, each having some 45 different letters. The end result was, in the words of one exasperated writer, an insanely complicated system of writing.

Kanji are Picture Words

Some three thousand years ago when people in China (priests, most likely) wanted to record something, they drew pictures. What is written down can be preserved and transmitted to others and pictures are undeniably the best way of conveying some kinds of information. In our age of information overload, we use pictures with increasing frequency to convey messages effortlessly in the blink of an eye. The modern equivalent of kanji are everywhere these days- on the doors of every public washroom, on highway signs, in airports, on computer screens, on the products we buy- informing us, directing us or warning us in a way that mere words cannot match.

So Why Don't I Get the Picture?

If picture words convey information in such a direct and meaningful way, why are the characters that form the backbone of the Chinese and Japanese systems of writing utterly incomprehensible to us when we first encounter them? Why are kanji so difficult? And why does it seem to take forever to learn kanji? A simple answer is that the situation was not always like this. Once, common pictographs (pictures of things) and ideographs (symbolic representations of intangibles, like love or war) were relatively straightforward. But, over thousands of years they have evolved, diverging from pictures that almost anyone could read, to become increasingly abstract symbols. Unfortunately,

the highly-evolved modern forms now convey little of their meaning except to those who first spend many years studing them. For example, it is doubtful that anyone would guess the meaning of even the simplest of kanji, such as 日 . Yet there is not a man, woman or child who does not know what ☼ stands for. This universal picture of the sun is a perfect kanji. Its modern equivalent 日 is really a nonsense symbol. It must be learned. The task of learning this kanji might seem trivial at first sight. After all, it does not take much mental horse power to remember that a rectangle with a horizontal dividing line stands for "sun". Multiply by two thousand (approximately the number of kanji you need to know to be newspaper-literate in Japan) and the magnitude of difficulty becomes more apparent.

How did so many kanji go from being wonderfully direct pictures to their largely unintelligible modern forms? More importantly, how is the student of Japanese to cope with learning a picture writing language that has all but abandoned its pictures? Knowledge of the historical evolution of characters can help to learn them.

How the Pictures Changed

Although Chinese characters have been around for three millennia, only a few of them can be traced back unchanged to their ancient origins. Most of them have evolved over time to their modern forms, a process that continues, at least in the Peoples Republic of China, to the present day. Standardized forms began to appear by the third century BC and by 200 AD the squared 'KAISHO' form widely used today in East Asia, including Japan, had become established.

The history of a kanji may or may not help you to learn it. A long or convoluted or obscure etymology, while fascinating in its own right, may serve no useful mnemonic purpose. In *Kanji Mnemonics*, we cite the historical development of a kanji only when it serves as a direct memory aid. When we are etymologically silent, the reader can assume that no such purpose would be served.

Many kinds of evolutionary change have been identified by scholars. Some of the more common processes leading to change are as follows:

Drift A living language never stays the same. Change to its written form may occur as the result of intervention of governments bent on reform but in fact a lot of change is simply the result of drift. The historical development of many Chinese characters has been traced back in time by studying primitive characters first written on bone and tortoise shell, by studying characters on inscriptions, in court documents, poetry, letters and in various types of manuscripts and records that may span hundreds and sometimes thousands of years. For some characters, the etymological trail quickly

grows cold and their origins remain lost forever in the mists of time. Scholars may also disagree about the etymology of individual characters and it is not uncommon for there to be competing theories.

Copying Error Chinese characters were developed and written long before the invention of printing presses and Xerox machines. Today we take it for granted that multiple copies of a document will all be the same. In ancient times when another copy of a document was needed, it was copied by hand. Bad lighting, the failing eyesight of some copyists, fatigue and human error all took their toll on the fidelity of reproduction of handwritten manuscripts. An abrupt change in the historical development of a character is often the product of a copying error and its perpetuation by succeeding generations.

Copying errors have degraded the quality of characters, obscuring their meaning and making them more difficult to learn. Kanji that are the product of a copying error are noted in *Kanji Mnemonics* when it makes good didactic sense to do so.

Assignment of New Meanings to Old Characters From time to time, the prevailing linguistic authority has sanctioned a new meaning for an existing character. The new meaning is said to be 'borrowed', but in plain English the character was really a picture of something else. A character with a borrowed meaning is the ultimate nonsense symbol and a total capitulation of the picture writing concept. These "pictures" are not worth 1,000 words- they are not even worth one.

The student must bear up and just learn these rogues with the aid and advice of *Kanji Mnemonics.*

Standardization Early picture writing was not pretty to look at. Characters were of all different sizes and a general anarchy in writing them prevailed. In truth, the writing looked like the dog's dinner. Such an unruly state of affairs is anathema to bureaucracy. A standardized system of writing on squared paper was introduced. All characters were to be written the same size, one to a square. This Procrustean bed of squares forced many changes to be made in the way the characters were written. Round shapes were squared to fit better (hence, the square sun referred to earlier). Since all characters- whether composed of two or twenty strokes- had to be written the same size, there was a reduction in the number of strokes for the more complex characters. Entire substructures vital to the integrity of the character as a picture were dropped or replaced by abbreviated versions. Lines that stuck out every which way in the old pictographs were made to run straight up and down, or straight across, or were otherwise tidied up. The characters took on a brisk new appearance but in the process gave up much of their essential quality as pictures. Ah! the bureaucratic mind! These squared characters, in place by 200 AD, conveyed their information more as symbols and less as pictures.

Simplification Although simplification was one of the consequences of the squaring process, it has also been pursued independently as an objective of its own. Note that simplification always means a reduction in the number of strokes needed to write the character. The 'simplified' character may not be simpler to recognize or to learn. Indeed, the opposite is usually true. Take the case of the character for horse. Early forms drew a picture of a horse. Later, the stylised, squared form 馬 still offered some hope of horse. With a little imagination the flowing mane, powerful rear quarters and four hooves are all there. The new form 马 mandated by the People's Republic of China looks nothing like a horse. Is it simpler? A little. Is it easier to read? Not really. Is it easier to learn? We think not. Purists will be happy to know that the square, horsey-looking form is still retained by Japan, and also by Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea.

Reforms in Japan at the end of World War II resulted in significant changes to writing the Japanese language. Many kanji were simplified or replaced by others easier to write and the number of kanji taught in school was limited to 1,850 (since increased to 1,945). These are the so-called Joyo Kanji 常用 漢字 or general use kanji. Newspapers and magazines have been pressured by the Ministry of Education to limit themselves to the Joyo Kanji so that anyone in Japan with a high school education would be newspaper literate. Other kanji such as those for family and place names are learned informally, as are kanji for technical terms and kanji used in literary works. As a result, most adults in Japan know about 3,000 kanji. University graduates, depending on their field of specialization, might know many more.

It's a Picture of What!?

Characters developed at a time when the world was largely agricultural in its outlook and terms of reference. Technology was simple. Artefacts familiar in everyday life a thousand years ago are often as obscure to us as our computers and computer icons will be to people 100 (or maybe, 10) years from now. A few of the characters are grounded in ancient Chinese legends or Buddhist mythology. Some characters are based upon practices not commonly encountered any more: communal cooking pots, sacrifices at altars, roasting of dogs. Other characters graphically depict natural (or unnatural) events such as childbirth or sodomy. While we usually have no problem with the words, our modern sensibility may cause us to flinch at seeing the event drawn out in a picture, even if the picture is abstract.

There is a certain fascination in dealing with matters of such antiquity. The downside is that many characters are based on what is no longer familiar and that makes them more difficult to learn. It may be comforting, if not too helpful, to know that Asians have as much trouble learning these characters as the rest of us.

The Structure of Kanji

Radicals and Elements Complex kanji are made up of simpler structures called radicals (denoted R in the text) and elements (E), neither of which can stand alone. There is not much practical difference between a radical and an element. Historically, there are 214 officially recognised radicals, the more important of which have Japanese names. Dictionaries organize kanji according to their radicals and their place within the structure of kanji. Entries in *The Kanji Dictionary*, a modern reference work, are arranged according to Spahn & Hadamitzky's own 79-radical reference system.

Kanji Mnemonics gives every radical and element a name that embodies its meaning. In most cases the English and Japanese designation for radicals are equivalent. In a few cases we have created names for elements to serve mnemonic ends. *It is essential to memorize the name, meaning and structure of radicals and elements, the same as for kanji.*

Kanji as Radicals Many kanji themselves are used as radicals to form more complex kanji. These are designated KR in the text. Other designations are NJY for Non-Joyo Kanji and CO for characters that are used in China only.

ON and kun Readings As we have seen, Japan's borrowing of Chinese characters was of two distinct sorts. At first the meaning of the character was ignored and its sound was used to spell out Japanese words. Later, the sound of the character was ignored and its meaning given a Japanese pronunciation. By convention, the Chinese reading of a character (called ON) is written in uppercase Roman script or in katakana. The Japanese reading (called kun) is written in lower case Roman script or in hiragana. Of the 1,945 Joyo Kanji 1,166 have both ON and kun readings, 736 have ON readings only and 43 have kun readings only.

Mnemonics- the Key to Learning Kanji

A mnemonic is something intended to assist the memory, as a verse or formula. Every school child knows the year Columbus discovered America thanks to a humble mnemonic. Many kinds of mnemonic devices are used in *Kanji Mnemonics* to assist learning kanji. Here are some of the most powerful.

Pictographs and Ideographs Tell the Story (Sometimes) A sympathetic understanding of a character as pictograph or ideograph is often powerfully mnemonic. A little historical perspective can also be helpful. Knowing that the kanji for power 力 was once a pictograph of a biceps helps to remember it, even though the modern form may not look much like a biceps. A lot of imagination and a flexible frame of mind are needed.

Mnemonic Strings for Complex Kanji In this mnemotechnique, simple kanji, radicals or elements present in a complex kanji are strung together to 'synthesize' its meaning. Some strings may seem better than others because they make sense. For example, the complex kanji for *wealth* is composed of two simpler kanji, *money* and *talent*, written side by side. The character for *wealth* is easily remembered from the string:"*Money and talent bring* ***wealth*****".** But a mnemonic string does not have to make sense for it to be memorable. The kanji for *permit* is composed of *words* and *noon*. *Permit* is also easily remembered from the string: "*Words at noon are* ***permitted***", even though this string does not make a whole lot of sense.

Memory devices tend to be personal and if one in *Kanji Mnemonics* does not suit you, make up another. Just make sure to write it down and to use the same string the same way every time. A half-remembered, muddled mnemonic is no mnemonic at all!

Natural Groupings of Kanji We learn things better when they are in like groups. A powerful mnemotechnic is to learn kanji in groups in which there is a common theme. The natural groupings found on every page of *Kanji Mnemonics* will help you to quickly learn kanji that have common structural elements and the same or different ON readings.

Kanji in Compound Words We learn kanji so that we can read and write Japanese. But knowing a kanji is only half the battle. There is still the business of learning the meaning of compound words that contain the kanji. In English, learning just the alphabet would hardly be sufficient for someone to be able to read and write it! A vocabulary is essential for any language. Students who take up the study of kanji may already have a Japanese vocabulary, from speaking the language or from reading text written in romaji or hiragana. Learning kanji and building vocabulary can interact synergistically to reinforce one another. For example, the ON reading for the kanji 将 is

SHOO, and its primary meaning is general or commander-in-chief. Unfortunately, there are 65 other kanji that are also read SHOO, each with a different meaning. It is easy to distinguish 将 from all the others because it is used to write SHOOGUN 将軍 , a word familiar to everyone. By learning 将軍 , you also get reinforcement for the kanji GUN 軍 which means army. A shogun is the commander-in-chief of the army.

Although the primary function of *Kanji Mnemonics* is not vocabulary building, we take advantage of synergistic interaction and give at least one compound word in which the kanji occurs to illustrate its meaning. Learn this word with the same vigour and intensity as you do for the kanji itself. It is inevitable that compound words will contain kanji that have not yet been learned. Use hiragana for these for the time being, then come back to the compound word after you have formally learned its second (or third) kanji. It is a powerful way to review.

Stroke Order Kanji must be written in the correct stroke order as prescribed by the Ministry of Education. Writing a kanji with the same stroke order every time is mnemonic in itself. After writing a character tens or hundreds of times, the very act of writing it may become neurally embedded in the brain's circuitry. An unconcious, automatic response may help carry you through the writing process and keep you from getting stuck part way through.

Kanji Cards The best mnemonic technique of all is repetition. You will need to go over kanji hundreds (yes) of times before you really know them. Kanji cards are a good way to drill. Sooner or later every student makes up a set. Buy 3 x 5 inch (7.6 x 12.8 cm) index cards lined on one side. On the unlined side write the kanji. On the lined side write its ON and kun reading and meaning. Keep a pack of cards with you at all times and make use of your spare moments on the bus or at lunch time for drilling. When you can give the ON and kun reading and meaning after seeing each kanji, turn the pack over and write (or visualize) the kanji from the ON-kun-meaning side of the card. Always drill from both sides. Start small: 10 cards at the beginning, then work up to 20, then 50 and finally 100. A pack of 100 seems to be the largest physically manageable size. Get some elastic bands so the cards don't drift around in your purse or briefcase. When you are confident that you know all the cards in a set, shuffle the pack and drill some more. Drill the next day and the next day after that. Never give up!

Mature students will have 20 sets of index cards each having 100 cards. A one per week set rotation ensures that every kanji will be reviewed at least twice a year. By pulling kanji cards for those that you always remember, it is possible to reduce the set size and/or the number of sets thereby making it possible to review the really difficult kanji many times per year.

Other Tools for Learning Kanji

Computers A broad selection of computer software on CD-ROM is available for studying spoken and written Japanese. The quality and utility of the software varies, so it is a case of buyer beware. Some developers find it easy and inexpensive to put out books and software for learning 200 to 300 kanji, *i.e.*, the number that a grade three student knows. If you are serious about learning kanji, you really do not need these!

Two things can be said about computer-assisted learning for kanji: it is relatively expensive and it is not very portable (although becoming less so on both accounts, thanks to affordable lap top computers). Try to learn a few hundred kanji on your own before investing in software. You will be a more discerning customer and undoubtedly will make a better choice.

Learning kanji is hard, tedious work. If a computer can keep you at it, then by all means go this route.

Dictionaries Sooner or later every student recognizes the need for a good kanji dictionary. We recommend *The Kanji Dictionary* by Spahn and Hadamitzsky (Appendix 1).

Electronic dictionaries, such as the Canon Wordtank Super Series of hand-held electronic dictionaries, are wonderful if you have the money.

Other Kanji Texts Although we would like to think that *Kanji Mnemonics* is the only text you will ever need to learn kanji, there are other texts with merit. Their strengths, weaknesses and suitability are evaluated in Appendix 1.

GENERAL RULES FOR WRITING KANJI

First Steps Before you write your first kanji, become familiar with the General Rules for Writing Kanji in the section below. Refer back to the General Rules often at the beginning. After a few hundred kanji have been learned, a sixth sense for stroke order will set in.

If you seem to be having trouble with proportion and symmetry and your kanji look a little lop-sided, tracing kanji in the text a few times may help.

Make a grid of squares on plain white paper and practice writing kanji of uniform size in each square.

Stroke Direction

1. Horizontal strokes are written from left to right; verical strokes from top to bottom.

Exceptions: in a combination of short, slanting strokes on the left , the last is written with an up-stroke.

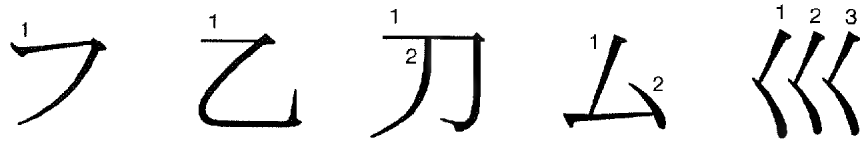
冷 汁 症 求 兆

2. Strokes may end bluntly, with a tiny hook or with a sharp taper. These effects are obtained easily with a brush but not so readily with a ball point pen or a pencil. Whatever your instrument, finesse your strokes for authentic-looking kanji.

十 小 左

blunt hook taper

3. A stroke may change direction several times as it is being written. Do not lift your brush or pen from the paper while writing the stroke.



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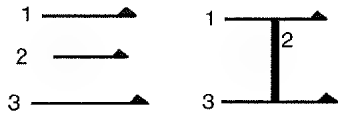

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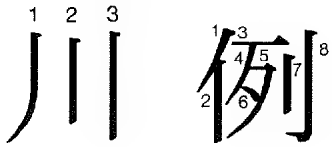
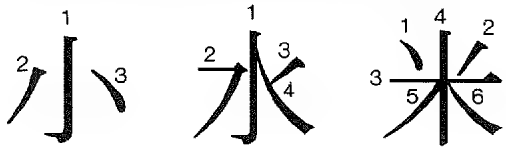
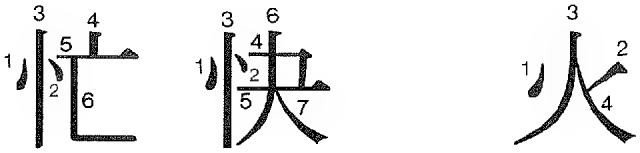


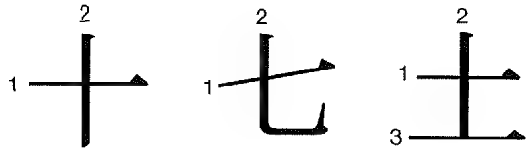
3. Middle stroke before side-strokes



Exceptions: characters containing the 忄 radical and 火 .



4. Horizontal stroke before intersecting vertical strokes



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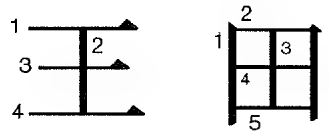
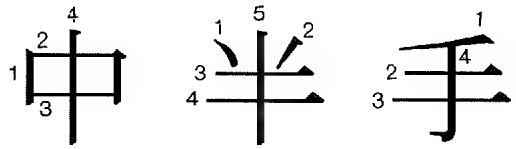


5. Piercing vertical stroke last



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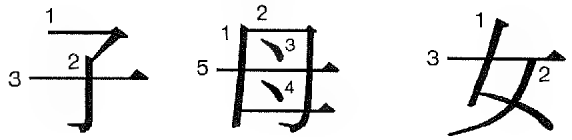
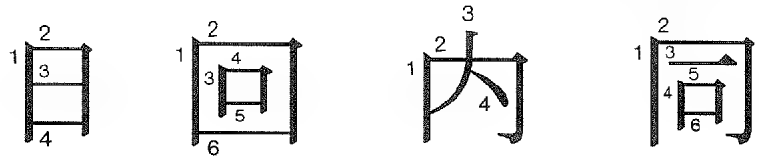


7. Outer frame of enclosures first, but a closing bottom stroke last



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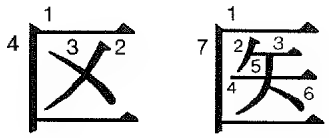
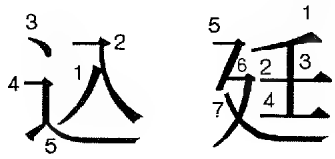


8. The radical for movement is written last.



A Final Word...

How Many Kanji Do You Really Need to Know? When I was advised that I had been awarded a Fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, I had six months to wind down my research projects in Canada, plan new research for Japan and, incidentally, learn Japanese. Scientists, like most, are optimists and we believe in the 20%-80% principle, *i.e.*, for 20% of the effort one can often achieve 80% of a desired result, be it in languages or fitness or any other human endeavour. I knew that it would be impossible to learn 1,945 kanji in six months, but it might just be possible to learn 20% of them (say 400) and become reasonably literate. This scenario seemed all the more appealing when I discovered that the kanji in Hadamitzky and Spahn's *Kanji & Kana* were listed in order of their most frequent usage. Not only could I save time by learning just a few kanji- they would be the ones I would most likely encounter. It was a strategy that could not fail! When I arrived in Japan, I found of course that I was completely illiterate. The bus that went by my university went on to the small coastal village of 賀露 written with kanji numbers 756 and 951 in the Hadamitzky and Spahn text and beyond the scope of my 400. I could not even read a simple bus sign to catch the bus! How many kanji do you *really* need to know? All 1,945 of the Joyo Kanji and quite a few more for comfort. The good news is that if you can learn 400 kanji, you can learn the rest. It just takes longer.

How Fast Can You Learn Them? The basic unit of learning in *Kanji Mnemonics* is one page and there are nearly four hundred pages of kanji. One page a day would put the task at just over a year. This may be too arduous for most because it requires study seven days a week. One page a day for a 4- or 5-day week plus a day or two for a weekly review puts the task closer to two years and may be about right. *It is a serious error to try to go too quickly without consolidation* because the organization of *Kanji Mnemonics* is cumulative. It is essential to incorporate regular review periods into any program of study.

Formal testing and self-testing are an integral part of the review process. Start by testing your ability to read the kanji from the top row of the pages being reviewed. You must be able to give the ON and kun readings, the meaning(s), and the representative compounds containing the kanji. Second, you must be able to write the kanji from memory using the correct stroke order. Recalling the mnemonic string helps get the radicals and elements right. Write the compounds too, but use hiragana for kanji that have not been formally studied. Finally, test from randomly drawn kanji cards on a regular, rotational basis.

II. PICTURES AND SYMBOLS

大　小　。止　行

大

BIG / LARGE

DAI	DAIGAKU	大学	university
TAI	TAIHEN	大変	serious / wonderful / dreadful
oo.	oo.kii	大きい	big
	oomono	大物	an important person (figure) / a big shot
	otona*	大人	adult (*Readings marked with an asterisk are irregular).

1 KR *Depiction of a person with spread arms and legs, looking* ***big.***

小

SMALL / LITTLE

SHOO	SHOOGAKKOO	小学校	a primary (elementary) school
chii.	chii.sai	小さい	small / little
ko-	koishi	小石	a pebble // gravel
o-	ogawa	小川	a brook / creek // Ogawa (surname)

2 KR *Person with arms at his sides, looking* ***small.***

止

STOP

SHI	CHUUSHI suru	中止	stop (doing) / break off / call off / suspend
to.	to.maru	止まる	stop / come to a stop
	to.meru	止める	bring to a stop

3 KR *Depiction of the left foot* *evolving to* *and finally to* 止 *to convey* ***stop.***

行

1. GO　2. PERFORM / CARRY OUT / DO　3. LINE / ROW　[Name: gyoogamae]

KOO	KOODOO	行動	an action / movement
GYOO	GYOOKAN	行間	space between lines (of text)
i.	i.ku	行く	go
yu.	yu.ku	行く	go
okona.	okona.u	行う	perform / carry out / do

4 KR *Depiction of a crossroads* *to convey* ***go,*** *with various associated meanings.*

上　下　。　刀　刃

上

UPPER

JOO	JOOTOO	上等	superior / excellent
ue	ue	上	upper
uwa-	uwagi	上着	a coat / jacket
kami	kami	上	upper part / top / head / up stream
a.	a.garu	上がる	go up / climb / ascend
	a.geru	上げる	lift up / raise / elevate
nobo.	nobo.ru	上る	go up / climb / ascend

5 KR *Symbol of something above a base line to indicate* ***upper****.*

下

LOWER

KA	KATOO	下等	inferior / lower order / lower class
GE	GESUI	下水	sewer / drain
shita	shita	下	lower part / below / under
shimo	shimo	下	lower part / downstream
sa.	sa.garu	下がる	hang down / dangle // drop / fall
	sa.geru	下げる	hang / suspend // lower / bring down / reduce
o.	o.riru	下りる	go down (a hill, stairs) // be granted (permission)
kuda.	kuda.su	下す	let down / lower // give / bestow
	kuda.sai	下さい	please (polite imperative)

6 KR *Symbol of something below a base line to indicate* ***lower****.*

刀

SWORD

TOO	NIHONTOO	日本刀	a Japanese sword
katana	katana	刀	a sword
	kogatana	小刀	a pocket knife / knife

7 KR *Pictograph of a broad-bladed* ***sword.***

刃

BLADE

JIN	HAKUJIN	白刃	a drawn (naked) sword	[刀 sword 7KR]
ha	hamono	刃物	an edged tool / cutlery	

8 KR *Slash on sword to indicate the* ***blade.***

円 金。丹 舟。午 缶

円

1. ROUND 2. YEN

EN	ENKEI	円形	a circle
	ENdaka	円高	strong yen
maru.	maru.i	円い	round

9 *Bank teller's window issues **round yen***

金

1. GOLD 2. METAL 3. MONEY [Name: kanehen**]

KIN	KIN medaru	金メダル	gold medal (Olympic, other)	
	KINYOOBI	金曜日	Friday	[⺍ lid 227R]
KON	KONJIKI	金色	a golden colour	[土 earth 15KR]
kana-	kanamono	金物	hardware / metal fittings	[丷 nuggets of gold]
kane	kane	金	money	

10 KR *Lid covers earth where there are two buried nuggets of **gold.*** **See 543 for the meaning of hen.

丹

1. RED 2. DILIGENT

TAN	TANSHA	丹砂	cinnabar
	TANSEI	丹精	diligence / efforts

11 *Simple boat is painted **red** by its **diligent** owner.*

舟

BOAT

SHUU	SHUUTEI	舟艇	a boat / craft
fune	fune	舟	a (row) boat
funa-	funaasobi	舟遊び	boating

12 KR *Sternless rowing **boat** seen from above with two people sitting in it, and an oar laid athwartships. The boat is tethered with a line (topmost stroke).*

午

NOON

GO	GOZEN	午前	a.m.
	GOGO	午後	p.m.

13 KR *Depiction of a pestle to express **noon**, the central part of the day (a pestle works the centre of a mortar).*

缶

CAN

KAN	KANkiri	缶切り	a can opener	[午 noon 13KR] [凵 container]

14 KR *Noon container is a **can.***

土 田。力 火。川 山

土

EARTH / GROUND / SOIL [Name: tsuchihen]

DO	DOYOOBI	土曜日	Saturday
TO	TOCHI	土地	land
tsuchi	tsuchi	土	earth / ground / soil

15 KR *Depiction of a simple plant growing from the **earth**.*

田

RICE FIELD

DEN	DEN' EN	田園	the country(side) / rural districts
ta	ta	田	a rice field
	Tanaka	田中	Tanaka (surname)

16 KR *Pictograph of a **rice field** with four paddies.*

力

POWER / FORCE / STRENGTH [Name: chikara]

RYOKU	ZENRYOKU	全力	all one's power / utmost efforts
RIKI	RIKISHI	力士	sumo wrestler
chikara	chikara	力	power / force / strength

17 KR *Simplification of an arm with bulging biceps, symbolizing **power.***

火

FIRE [Name: hihen]

KA	KAZAN	火山	a volcano
	KAYOOBI	火曜日	Tuesday
hi	hi	火	fire / a fire

18 KR *Pictograph of the flames and sparks of a **fire.***

川

RIVER

SEN	KASEN	河川	rivers
kawa	kawa	川	river

19 KR *Pictograph of a **river** flowing between its banks.*

山

MOUNTAIN

SAN	SANJOO	山上	mountain top / summit
yama	yama	山	mountain

20 KR *Pictograph of a **mountain** group.*

丁 了。皿 冊。立 出

丁

1. CITY BLOCK 2. COUNTER FOR BLOCKS / DISHES OF FOOD / GUNS

CHOO	CHOOME	丁目	city block (in addresses)
TEI	TEINEI na	丁寧な	polite / courteous / respectful // careful / meticulous

21 *The T-shape symbolizes a **city block**, perhaps from the idea of intersecting streets. There are also connotations of exactness and correctness in 丁 as seen in compounds such as 丁寧 .*

了

1. UNDERSTAND 2. COMPLETE / FINISH

RYOO	RYOOKAI	了解	Understood! / Agreed! / Roger!	
	KANRYOO	完了	completion	[子 child 95KR]

22 *Child is without arms - I **understand** and will **complete** it.*

皿

PLATE / DISH / SAUCER [Name: sara]

sara	sara	皿	plate / dish / saucer

23 KR *Pictograph of a fluted **plate**.* There is no ON reading for 皿 .

冊

VOLUME / BOOK / COUNTER FOR BOOKS

SATSU	NISATSU	二冊	two volumes (copies)
	SASSHI	冊子	a booklet / pamphlet

24 KR *Pictograph of a bundle of bound bamboo writing tablets, now meaning **volume** & **book.***

立

STAND / STAND UP

RITSU	JIRITSU	自立	independent / self-supporting
ta.	ta.tsu	立つ	stand up
	ta.teru	立てる	set up / raise

25 KR *From a pictograph of a man **standing** on the ground.*

出

GO OUT / COME OUT / TAKE OUT

SHUTSU	SHUPPATSU	出発	departure (of a train, bus)	[山 mountain 20KR]
de.	de.ru	出る	go out / come out / depart	
da.	da.su	出す	take out / send / post	

26 KR *Two mountains, one **going out** and the other **coming out**.*

用 欠。且 石。各 共

用

1. USE / EMPLOY 2. BUSINESS

YOO	YOOJI	用事	business / an errand / something to do
mochi.	mochi.iru	用いる	use / employ

27 KR *Depiction of a fence to express something that is **used** for a purpose.*

欠

LACK

KETSU	KETSUIN	欠員	a vacant position / an opening
ka.	ka.keru	欠ける	be lacking (missing, broken off)
	ka.ku	欠く	lack

28 KR *Depiction of a yawning person. The upper part of the structure is a wide open mouth and signifies **vacant, empty** & **lacking.***

且

FURTHERMORE / IN ADDITION / BESIDES

ka.	ka.tsu	且つ	furthermore / in addition / besides

29 KR *Pictograph of stones piled up in a cairn* *i.e., one thing on top of another, with meanings such as **furthermore, in addition** & **besides.*** As a radical 且 conveys piled up.

石

STONE [Name: ishihen]

SEKI	SEKIYU	石油	petroleum	[厂 cliff 100R]
SHAKU	JISHAKU	磁石	a magnet	[口 a stone, squared]
KOKU	IKKOKU	一石	a 'koku' (160 litres, historical measure for rice)	
ishi	ishi	石	a stone / rock	

30 KR *Pictograph of a cliff with a **stone** at its base.* Note variant of 厂 .

各

EACH / EVERY / VARIOUS

KAKU	KAKUCHI	各地	each (every, various) place(s)	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
onoono	onoono	各	each / every / all	[口 mouth 85KR]

31 KR *Upturned foot in mouth- **each** and **every** one of us has done it.* The radical 夂 is an upside down version of the left foot shown in 3KR as explained in 459R.

共

TOGETHER

KYOO	KYOOGAKU	共学	coeducation
tomo	tomokasegi	共稼ぎ	dual income / both husband & wife working

32 KR *Early forms show two hands **together** offering up a jewel* 廿 .

手 足 。 言 示

手

1. HAND 2. PERSON WITH A SKILL

SHU	SHUDAN	手段	a means (step, measure, way)
	KASHU	歌手	a singer
te	te	手	hand
ta	tazuna	手綱	reins / a bridle
	joozu*	上手	skilled / good at
	heta*	下手	unskilled / poor at

33 KR *Three-fingered **hand** of **a person with skill.***

足

1. FOOT / LEG 2. A PAIR (SHOES, SOCKS) 3. SUFFICIENT 4. ADD

SOKU	ENSOKU	遠足	an excursion / outing / hike	
	ISSOKU	一足	one pair (of shoes, socks)	
	MANZOKU na	満足な	satisfactory / complete / sufficient	
ashi	ashi	足	a foot	
	ashikubi	足首	ankle	[口 knee cap]
ta.	ta.riru	足りる	be sufficient / suffice	[止 stop (foot) 3KR]
	ta.su	足す	add	

34 KR *Pictograph of a knee cap and **foot**. **Sufficient** and **add** are borrowed meanings.* (See p. i-4). Note variant of 止 .

言

1. WORD 2. SAY

GEN	GENMEI	言明	a statement / a declaration	
GON	MUGON	無言	silent / mute / dumb	[口 mouth 85KR]
koto-	kotoba	言葉	a word	
i.	i.u	言う	say	

35 KR *Depiction of words issuing from a mouth to convey both **word** & **say**.*

示

SHOW

JI	JIDAN	示談	an out of court settlement
SHI	SHISA	示唆	a suggestion
shime.	shime.su	示す	show

36 KR *Depiction of a primitive altar 丅 with an item of sacrifice 一 on top and drops of blood 丶丶 beneath, originally meaning to show the will of the gods and now just meaning **show**.*

一 二 三 。 車 戸

一

ONE

ICHI	ICHI	一	one
ITSU	IPPON	一本	one (cylindrical object)
hito.	hito.tsu	一つ	one
	hito.ri	一人	one person

37 KR *Pictograph of **one** finger, extended horizontally.*

二

TWO

NI	NI	二	two
futa.	futa.tsu	二つ	two
	futa.ri	二人	two people

38 KR ***Two** fingers.*

三

THREE

SAN	SAN	三	three
	SANNIN	三人	three people
mi.	mi.tsu / mi.ttsu	三つ	three

39 ***Three** fingers.*

車

VEHICLE [Name: kurumahen]

SHA	DENSHA	電車	(electric) train
kuruma	kuruma	車	a car

40 KR *Pictograph of a two-wheeled **vehicle.***

戸

1. DOOR 2. HOUSE / HOUSEHOLD

KO	KOGAI de	戸外で	out doors / in the open air
	KOSUU	戸数	the number of houses
to	to	戸	door

41 KR *Pictograph of a **door** i.e. one-half of a gate* 門 *145KR.*

四 五 六 。 再 互

四

FOUR

SHI	SHI	四	four
yon	yon	四	four
yo.	yo.tsu / yo.ttsu	四つ	four
	yo.kka	四日	4 days / the 4th day of the month

42 ***Four*** *fingers in a fist. To see the shape of* 四 *, form a fist with your right hand, palm down. Then touch the tip of your index finger to a point mid-way on the underside of the extended thumb.*

五

FIVE

GO	GO	五	five
itsu.	itsu.tsu	五つ	five
	itsu.ka	五日	5 days / the 5th day of the month

43 ***Five*** *fingers can substitute for a thread-reel* 五 *to wind yarn.*

六

SIX

ROKU	ROKU	六	six	[亠 pot lid 227R]
mu.	mu.tsu /mu.ttsu	六つ	six	[八 a split 49]
mui	muika*	六日	6 days / the 6th day of the month	

44 *Pot lid over a split for* ***six.***

再

ONCE MORE / AGAIN / TWICE / RE-

SAI	SAIKON	再婚	second marriage / re-marriage
SA	SARAISHUU	再来週	the week after next
futata.	futata.bi	再び	again / twice

45 *Depiction of an inverted basket* 冂 *of the sort that can be stacked. One* 一 *37KR signifies* ***one more*** *being added to the stack.* ***Again, twice*** *and* ***re-*** *are associated meanings.*

互

MUTUAL

GO	SOOGO no	相互の	mutual / reciprocal
taga.	taga.i	互い	mutual / reciprocal

46 *Depiction of a symmetrical spool for cross-winding thread to convey* ***mutual.***

七 八 九 。 井 穴

七

SEVEN

SHICHI	SHICHI	七	seven
nana	nana.tsu	七つ	seven
nano	nano.ka	七日	7 days / the 7th day of the month

47 *Bent finger under a fist signals* ***seven.***

八

EIGHT

HACHI	HACHI	八	eight
ya.	ya.tsu / ya.ttsu	八つ	eight
yoo.	yoo.ka	八日	8 days / the 8th day of the month

48 KR *Split signals* ***eight.***

九

NINE

KYUU	KYUU	九	nine
KU	KU	九	nine
kokono.	kokono.tsu	九つ	nine
	kokono.ka	九日	9 days / the 9th day of the month

49 KR *Bent elbow signals* ***nine.***

井

WELL

SEI	YUSEI	油井	an oil well
SHOO	TENJOO	天井	a ceiling
i	ido	井戸	a well

50 KR *Pictograph of a framed* ***well.***

穴

1. HOLE / PIT / CAVE **2. LAIR / DEN** [宀 house 107R]

KETSU	DOOKETSU	洞穴	a cave / cavern	[八 eight 48KR]
ana	ana	穴	a hole // lair / den	

51 KR *House with eight* ***holes*** *that may be the* ***lair*** *or* ***den*** *(of animals).*

十 百 千 。 寸 里

十

TEN

JUU	JUU	十	ten
too	too	十	ten
	tooka	十日	10 days / the 10th day of the month
	hatsuka*	二十日	20 days / the 20th day of the month

52 KR *Crossed hands for **ten.***

百

1. HUNDRED 2. MANY [一 one 37KR]

HYAKU	HYAKU	百	one hundred	[白 white 179KR]
	HYAKKATEN	百貨店	a department store	

53 *One white (thumbnail) for a **hundred.*** The thumb signified **hundred** in ancient times.

千

1.THOUSAND 2. A GREAT MANY

SEN	SEN	千	1000	[一 one 37KR]
	SANZEN	三千	3000	[亻 person 154R]
	HASSEN	八千	8000	
chi	chiyo	千代	thousands of years / ages	

54 *One person for a **thousand.*** The body signified **thousand** in ancient times.

寸

1. OLD UNIT OF LENGTH (ca. 3.03 cm) 2. AN INCH / TINY AMOUNT 3. MEASURE

SUN	ISSUN	一寸	an inch / a tiny bit
	SUNPOO	寸法	measure / dimension / size

55 KR *Evolved from* *showing a hand and a dot, representing the pulse. The distance from the pulse to the base of the palm was one 'sun', roughly the width of a finger and commonly taken as an **inch**. As a kanji, the meaning now includes **measure** and **tiny amount**. As a radical, the ideas of hand, measure and tiny amount are combined to mean skilful use of the hand, or just **skilful hand.***

里

1. OLD UNIT OF DISTANCE (ca. 3.9 km) 2. VILLAGE / HOME TOWN

RI	SENRI	千里	1000 ri / a great distance	[田 field 16KR]
sato	sato	里	a village / one's parent's home	[土 earth 15KR]
	satogokoro	里心	homesickness	

56 KR *The fields and earth of my **village** are one **ri** hence.*

日 月 年 。 品

日

1. SUN / DAY **2. PREFIX OR SUFFIX FOR JAPAN** [Name: hihen]

NICHI	NICHIBOTSU	日没	sunset
	NICHIYOOBI	日曜日	Sunday
	NICHIBEI	日米	Japan & America
JITSU	HONJITSU	本日	to-day / this day
hi	hi	日	the sun / a day
	tsuitachi*	一日	the 1st day of the month (also read ICHINICHI, one day)
-ka	futsuka*	二日	two days / the 2nd day of the month
	mikka	三日	three days / the 3rd day of the month

57 KR *Early forms show a roundish body (the **sun**) with a dot in the centre. Scholars believe this may have represented a large **sun** spot visible at that time to the naked eye. The modern form "squares the circle" and replaces the dot with a horizontal line.*

月

MOON / MONTH

GETSU	SENGETSU	先月	last month
	GETSUYOOBI	月曜日	Monday
GATSU	ICHIGATSU	一月	January
tsuki	tsuki	月	the moon / a month

58 KR *Pictograph of a crescent **moon** behind wispy clouds.*

年

YEAR

NEN	NENJUU	年中	the whole year / all year round
toshi	toshi	年	a year // years of age
	toshiyori	年寄り	an old person / the aged

59 *From an ideograph showing a rice plant and a bending person, denoting the **yearly** harvest.*

品

1. REFINEMENT **2. GOODS / ARTICLE**

HIN	HIN	品	refinement / elegance / dignity // an article
	JOOHIN	上品	refined / elegant / graceful
	GEHIN	下品	unrefined / gross / vulgar
shina	shina	品	an article / goods / stuff // quality
	shinamono	品物	goods / merchandise

60 KR *Three boxes of **refined goods.***

心 身 肉 。王 臣 氏

心

HEART / FEELINGS [Name: kokoro]

SHIN	ISSHIN ni	一心に	whole heartedly
kokoro	kokoro	心	heart / feeelings / will / mind

61 KR *Pictograph showing the coronary arteries of the **heart.***

身

BODY

SHIN	SHINTAI	身体	the body
mi	mi	身	the body

62 KR *Early versions show a side-on view of a pregnant woman's **body**. The meaning has since broadened to mean **body** in general.*

肉

MEAT / FLESH

NIKU	NIKU	肉	meat / flesh
	NIKUYA	肉屋	butcher / butcher shop
	GYUUNIKU	牛肉	beef

63 KR *Pictograph of a filet of **meat** showing the graining of the **flesh.***

王

KING / MONARCH [Name: oohen]

OO	OO	王	king
	JOOO	女王	queen

64 KR *Symbol of the three orders: heaven, earth and man (horizontal lines) united by the **king** (vertical line).*

臣

RETAINER / SUBJECT

SHIN	SHINMIN	臣民	a subject
JIN	DAIJIN	大臣	a minister (of the government)

65 KR *Older forms show a watchful eye symbolizing the wide-eyed alertness of **retainers** and **subjects** in the presence of authority.*

氏

1. CLAN / FAMILY 2. SURNAME 3. MR.

SHI	GENJI	源氏	Genji (the Minamoto family of Japanese history)	
	SHIMEI	氏名	one's full name	
	Tanaka SHI	田中氏	Mr. Tanaka	[shield 240E]
uji	uji	氏	lineage / family / birth	[curved sword 106R]

66 KR *Shield and curved sword denote the **clan** and **surname** of **Mr.**...*

水 氷 雨 。 木 竹 米

水

WATER

SUI	SUIDOO	水道	the water supply (service) / waterworks
	SUIYOOBI	水曜日	Wednesday
mizu	mizu	水	water

67 KR *Splashes of **water.***

氷

ICE

HYOO	HYOOZAN	氷山	an iceberg	
koori	koori	氷	ice	[水 water 67KR]
koo.	koo.ru	氷る	freeze up	

68 *Water with a crack is really **ice.***

雨

RAIN [Name: amekanmuri**]

U	UTEN	雨天	rainy weather
ame	ame	雨	rain
ama-	amado	雨戸	storm door / shutter

69 KR ***Rain** drops falling from a (squared) cloud in the heavens above (topmost stroke) The vertical stroke may further emphasize falling.* **See 987 for the meaning of kanmuri.

木

TREE / WOOD [Name: kihen]

BOKU	BOKUSEKI	木石	trees & stones / inanimate object
MOKU	MOKUZAI	木材	lumber / timber
	MOKUYOOBI	木曜日	Thursday
ki	ki	木	a tree / wood
ko	kodachi	木立	a grove (thicket, clump, cluster) of trees

70 KR *Simplification of a pictograph of a **tree**.* As a radical, 木 often conveys wood.

竹

BAMBOO [Name: takekanmuri]

CHIKU	CHIKURIN	竹林	a bamboo grove / thicket
take	take	竹	bamboo

71 KR *Early forms show two stems of **bamboo** ↑↑ with spiky leaves.*

米

1. RICE 2. ABBREVIATION FOR AMERICA [Name: komehen]

BEI	BEISAKU	米作	the rice crop
	BEIKOKU	米国	America
MAI	HAKUMAI	白米	polished rice
kome	kome	米	rice

72 KR *Evolved from pictographs of an ear of **rice** 灬 and a **rice** plant* 禾 213R.

回 向 曲 。 斤 片 糸

回

1. ROTATE / TURN 2. TIMES / REPETITIONS

KAI	KAITEN	回転	revolution / rotation
	SANKAI	三回	3 times
mawa.	mawa.ru	回る	something rotates (revolves, turns, goes around)
	mawa.su	回す	rotate / send around

73 *Symbol of **rotation** squared.*

向

1. FACE TOWARDS 2. GO / LEAVE / HEAD FOR 3. OPPOSITE SIDE

KOO	KOOJOO	向上	improvement / progress // rise
mu.	mu.kau	向かう	face / front / look out on // go / leave / head for
	mu.keru	向ける	turn to / direct (at, to, toward) / point (a gun) at
	mu.ku	向く	turn / look (left, right, up, down, etc)
	mu.koo	向こう	the opposite side / the other side

74 *Depiction of a house with a window that **faces towards** a favorable direction. **Go , leave, head for** & **opposite side** are extended meanings.*

曲

1. BEND / CURVE 2. MELODY

KYOKU	KYOKUSEN	曲線	a curve	[田 field 16KR]
	MEIKYOKU	名曲	a famous (well-known) melody	
ma.	ma.garu	曲がる	something bends / yields / is flexible // turns	
	ma.geru	曲げる	bend // distort / pervert	

75 KR *Field with plants that **bend** & **curve** like a **melody.***

斤

1. OLD UNIT OF WEIGHT (ca. 600 g) 2. AX

KIN	IKKIN	一斤	one 'kin' / a loaf (of bread) / a pound (of sugar)

76 KR *Pictograph of an **ax**. **Weight** is a borrowed meaning.*

片

1. FRAGMENT / PIECE 2. ONE (OF TWO)

HEN	HAHEN	破片	a fragment / splinter / broken piece
kata-	katame	片目	one eye

77 KR Depiction *of a tree cut in half to convey **fragment, piece** & **one (of two).***

糸

THREAD [Name: itohen]

SHI	KINSHI	金糸	golden thread
ito	ito	糸	thread

78 KR *Depiction of a skein of yarn to convey **thread.***

天 矢 弓 。 亡 公 西

天

1. HEAVEN 2. SKY 3. NATURE

TEN	TENGOKU	天国	heaven / paradise	[一 one KR 37]
	TENKI	天気	the weather	[大 big KR 1]
	TENSAI	天災	a natural disaster	
ama-	ama no gawa	天の川	the Milky way	

79 KR *One big **heavenly sky** in **nature.***

矢

ARROW

SHI	ISSHI	一矢	a return shot / riposte	[ノ emphatically 138E]
ya	ya	矢	an arrow	[天 heaven 79KR]

80 KR *Emphatically heavenly shaft is an **arrow.***

弓

BOW

KYUU	KYUUDOO	弓道	Japanese archery
yumi	yumi	弓	bow (for archery, violin)
	yumiya	弓矢	bow & arrow

81 KR *Pictograph of a **bow** minus the string.*

亡

1. DEAD 2. BE RUINED 3. FLEE / ESCAPE

BOO	BOOFU	亡父	one's late father
	BOOKOKU	亡国	the ruin of a country
	BOOMEI suru	亡命	flee from one's country / seek refuge

82 KR *Looks like a coffin, seen end on, containing the **dead.***

公

1. PUBLIC 2. OFFICIAL 3. FAIR / UNBIASED [八 eight 49]

KOO	KOOKYOO	公共	the public	[厶 nose 502E]
	KOOHEI na	公平な	fair / unbiased / impartial / just	
ooyake	ooyake no	公の	public / open / official / formal	

83 KR *Eight noses are **public, official, fair** & **unbiased.***

西

WEST

SEI	SEIYOO	西洋	the West
SAI	TOOZAI	東西	east & west
nishi	nishi	西	west

84 KR *Wine stopper in the **west.*** Note wine jar 220R.

口 目 耳 首

口

1. MOUTH 2. OPENING 3. UNIT FOR COUNTING PEOPLE [Name: kuchihen]

KOO	JINKOO	人口	population
KU	KUCHOO	口調	a tone // intonation
kuchi	kuchi	口	mouth
	iriguchi	入口	entrance
	deguchi	出口	exit

85 KR *Open **mouth**, squared.* Used as a radical, 口 may also mean speak or say, or be used to denote various objects such as a window, a box, a kneecap etc.

目

1. EYE 2. SUFFIX FOR ORDINALS [Name: mehen]

MOKU	MOKUTEKI	目的	an aim / a purpose
me	me	目	an eye
	meue	目上	one's superior / senior
	meshita	目下	one's subordinate / junior
	hitome de	一目で	at a glance

86 KR *Pictograph of an **eye** tilted up and squared.*

耳

EAR

JI	JIMOKU o hiku	耳目をひく	attract attention
mimi	mimi	耳	ear

87 KR *Pictograph of an **ear** squared.*

首

1. HEAD / NECK 2. LEADER / CHIEF

SHU	SHURYOO	首領	a leader / chief / boss
	SHUSHOO	首相	prime minister
kubi	kubi	首	head / neck
	tekubi	手首	wrist
	ashikubi	足首	ankle

88 KR *From a pictograph of an eye with an exaggerated eyebrow to indicate the **head / neck** and figuratively, a **leader** or **chief.***

犬　牛　貝　馬　鳥

犬

DOG

KEN	YAKEN	野犬	a stray dog	[大 big 1KR]
inu	inu	犬	dog	

89 KR *Big spotted **dog**.* Once a graphic pictograph of a **dog** standing on its hind legs and barking. The modern version, which seems to have no doggy features at all, is composed of 大 and dot, changed here for mnemonic purpose to 'spot'.

牛

COW / BULL [Name: ushihen]

GYUU	GYUUNYUU	牛乳	milk
ushi	ushi	牛	cow / bull

90 KR *From a pictograph of a **cow's** head with horns.* The modern version has only one horn.

貝

SHELLFISH / SHELL [Name: kaihen / kogai]

kai	kai	貝	shellfish / shell

91 KR *Pictograph of a clam or **shellfish** depicting the **shell** and perhaps feelers.* As a radical 貝 means money, reflecting the early use of shells as money.

馬

HORSE [Name: umahen]

BA	BARIKI	馬力	horsepower
uma	uma	馬	horse

92 KR *Pictograph of a **horse**.* Still evident in the stylised squared form are the flowing mane and the four galloping legs or hooves.

鳥

BIRD

CHOO	HAKUCHOO	白鳥	swan
tori	tori	鳥	bird

93 KR *Pictograph of a **bird**.* The modern squared form still evokes a bird.

人 子 女 母 父

人

1. MAN 2. PERSON 3. HUMAN BEING

JIN	JINKOO no	人工の	man-made / artificial
	NIHONJIN	日本人	a Japanese
NIN	HYAKUNIN	百人	100 people
	NINGEN	人間	a human being / mankind
hito	hito	人	a man / person / human being

94 KR *Pictograph of a **person** (stick figure, sans head and arms).*

子

1. CHILD 2. SMALL THING 3. SUFFIX FOR FEMALE NAMES

SHI	SHISON	子孫	offspring / descendants / children
	SHUSHI	種子	a seed
SU	SENSU	扇子	a fan / a folding fan
ko	ko	子	a child
	kodomo	子供	a child
	onna no ko	女の子	a girl
	otoko no ko	男の子	a boy
	Yoko	陽子	Yoko (common name for females in Japan)

95 KR *Pictograph of a **child** wrapped in swaddling clothes waving its arms.*

女

WOMAN / FEMALE [Name: onnahen]

JO	JOSHI	女子	woman / woman's
NYO	NYOSOO	女僧	Buddhist nun
NYOO	NYOOBOO	女房	a wife / one's better half
onna	onna	女	a woman
me	otome	乙女	a maiden / virgin

96 KR *Pictograph of a kneeling subservient **woman**.*

母

MOTHER

BO	BOSHI	母子	mother & child
haha	haha	母	mother
	okaasan*	お母さん	mother

97 *Woman with prominent nipples is a **mother.***

父

FATHER

FU	FUKEI	父兄	one's father & elder brothers / guardians / parents
chichi	chichi	父	father
	otoosan*	お父さん	father

98 *Big-shouldered man wearing a kimono is my **father.***

III. Sound Groups- Level 1

早　草　。　原　源

艹	**PLANT / PLANTS**	[Name: kusakanmuri]
	99 R *Pictograph of **plants**, originally 艹 squared to 艹 simplified to 艹 and sometimes to 十 to convey **plants**, vegetation, or grass.*	
厂	**CLIFF**	[Name: gandare]
	100 R *Looks like a **cliff.***	
氵	**WATER**	[Name: sanzui]
	101 R *Three drops of **water.***	

早

	1. EARLY	2. FAST	3. HASTY / RASH	
SOO	SOOSHUN	早春	early spring	[日 sun 57 KR]
SA	SANAE	早苗	rice seedling // female name	[十 v 艹 plant 99R]
haya.	haya.i	早い	early // fast / quick / rapid / speedy	
	haya.maru	早まる	be hasty / rash	
	haya.meru	早める	hasten / accelerate	

102 KR *Sun rising over plants- it is **early. Fast, hasty** & **rash** are associated meanings.*

草

GRASS / PLANTS

SOO	SOOGEN	草原	a grassy plain / prairie / pampas	[艹 plant 99R]
kusa	kusa	草	grass / a herb / weed	[草 early 102KR]

103 *Plant that is early is **grass.***

原

	1. ORIGINAL / FUNDAMENTAL		2. PLAIN / FIELD	[厂 cliff 100R]
GEN	GENSHI	原子	atom	[白 white 179KR]
hara	hara	原	a plain / field / wilderness	[小 small 2KR]

104a KR *Cliff that is white and small was **originally** on the **plain.***

源

SOURCE / ORIGIN

GEN	KIGEN	起源	the beginning / the origin	[氵 water 101R]
minamoto	minamoto	源	a source / the fountainhead (see 66KR)	[原 original 104KR]

104b *Water is the original **source** (of all life).*

民　眠　。宅　託

尸	**BUTTOCKS** [Name: shikabane] **105** R *From a slumped figure or corpse* 冫 *depicting the* ***buttocks.***
七	**CURVED SWORD** **106** E *Looks like a* ***curved sword.***
宀	**HOUSE** [Name: ukanmuri] **107** R *From* 冖 *showing the roof of a* ***house.***
屯	**ROOTED PLANT** **108** E *Depiction of a plant with a prominent* ***root.***

民

PEOPLE / NATION

MIN	MINZOKU	民族	a race / nation	[尸 buttocks 105R]
	MINSHUSHUGI	民主主義	democracy	[七 curved sword 106R]
tami	tami	民	a subject / the people / a nation	

109 KR *Buttocks and curved swords are characteristic of that* ***people*** *and their* ***nation.***
Note that 民 is closely related to 氏 66.

眠

SLEEP / SLEEPY

MIN	FUMIN	不眠	sleeplessness / insomnia	[目 eye 86KR]
nemu.	nemu.ru	眠る	sleep	[民 people 109KR]
	nemu.i	眠い	sleepy / tired	

110 *The eyes of the people are* ***sleepy.***

宅

HOME / RESIDENCE

TAKU	JITAKU	自宅	one's home / private residence	[宀 house 107R] [屯 rooted plant 108E]

111 *House with a rooted plant is* ***home.***

託

ENTRUST TO / LEAVE IN THE CARE OF

TAKU	TAKUJISHO	託児所	a day-care centre / a nursery	[言 word 35KR] [屯 rooted plant 108E]

112 *Words about rooted plant-* ***entrust it to*** *me.*

会　絵　。　切　窃

亻	**ROOF** **113** E *Looks like a **roof.***
云	**MIST** **114** E *Originally* 𠂇 *then inverted to* 𠂇 *and finally modernized* 云 *to represent **mist.***

会

MEET

KAI	KAISHA	会社	company	[亻roof 113E]
a.	a.u	会う	meet	[云 mist 114E]

115 KR *Roof is where mist **meets.***

絵

PICTURE

KAI	KAIGA	絵画	pictures / paintings / drawings	[糸 thread 78KR]
E	EHON	絵本	a picture book	[会 meet 115KR]

116 *Threads meet in the **picture.*** The original meaning of 絵 was 'embroidered picture' but now it refers to **pictures** in general.

切

CUT

SETSU	TAISETSU	大切	important / of great consequence	[七 seven 47]
ki.	ki.ru	切る	cut	[刀 sword 7KR]

117 KR *Seven swords **cut.***

窃

STEAL

SETSU	SETTOO	窃盗	theft	[穴 hole 51] [切 cut 117KR]

118 *Hole cut to **steal.***

凡　帆　。比　批

几	**TABLE** **119** NJY *Pictograph of a small **table.***
巾	**CLOTH** **120** NJY *From a pictograph showing the threads of a piece of **cloth**.*
匕	**SEATED PERSON** **121** R *Stick figure of a **seated person** (sans head, arms folded).*
扌	**HAND** [Name: tehen] **122** R *Two-fingered **hand.***
凡	**COMMON / COMMONPLACE / ORDINARY**
HAN	HANREI 凡例 explanatory notes / a legend (on a map, diagram)
BON	BONJIN 凡人 the common man
	BON'YOO na 凡庸な mediocre / commonplace / ordinary [几 table 119NJY]
	123 KR *Table with a scratch is **common.***
帆	**SAIL**
HAN	HANSEN 帆船 a sailboat [巾 cloth 120NJY]
ho	ho 帆 a sail [凡 common 123KR]
	124 *Cloth is common for a **sail.***
比	**COMPARE**
HI	HIKAKU 比較 comparison [匕 seated per 121R]
kura.	kura.beru 比べる compare
	125 KR *Two seated persons- **compare** them.* (Good advice because each is written differently).
批	**CRITICISE**
HI	HIHAN 批判 criticism / comment / judgement [扌 hand 122R] [比 compare 125KR]
	126 *Hand compares then **criticises.***

舎 捨。介 界。明 盟

舎

SHA

BUILDING / HUT / QUARTERS [亼roof 113E]

KOOSHA	校舎	school house / building	[土 earth 15KR]
HEISHA	兵舎	barracks	[口 an entrance 85KR]
inaka*	田舎	the country / rural areas	

127 KR *Roof over the earth with an entrance is a primitive **building**.*

捨

SHA
su.

1. THROW AWAY 2. ABANDON [扌 hand 122R]

SHISHAGONYUU suru	四捨五入	round off (in math)	[舎 building 127KR]
su.teru	捨てる	throw away / dump // abandon	

128 *Hand on building **throws away** (its contents) and then **abandons** it.*

介

KAI

1. BE IN BETWEEN 2. SHELLFISH [人 person 94KR]

KAINYUU	介入	intervention
KAI suru	介する	mind (care, worry) about // through (someone)
GYOKAI	魚介	fish & shellfish / marine products

129 KR *Person wearing armor front and back is **in between** just like a **shellfish** (clam).*

界

KAI

1. BOUNDARY / LIMITS 2. WORLD

KYOOKAI	境界	a boundary / border	[田 field 16KR]
SEKAI	世界	the world	[介 in between 129KR]

130 *Field in between has a **boundary** and so does the **world.***

明

MEI
MYOO
a.
aka.
aki.

1. BRIGHT / LIGHT 2. CLEAR

MEIGETSU	名月	a bright (full) moon	[日 sun 57KR]
MEIHAKU na	明白な	clear / distinct / plain	[月 moon 58]
MYOONICHI	明日	tomorrow	
asu* / ashita*	明日	tomorrow	
a.keru	明ける	become light / dawn // end / be over	
aka.rui	明るい	bright / light // cheerful	
aki.raka na	明らかな	clear / distinct / plain / obvious	

131 KR *Sun and moon together are **bright.***

盟

MEI

PLEDGE / OATH / ALLIANCE [明 bright 131KR]

MEIYAKU	盟約	a pledge / pact / alliance	[皿 plate 23KR]
DOOMEI	同盟	an alliance	

132 *Bright plate **pledged** in **alliance**.* Earlier versions were written with 血 blood 1724KR which seems more appropriate to the idea of a pledge. (See Copy Error, i-4)

語　悟　。　気　汽

忄	**FEELINGS**			[Name: risshinben]
	133 R *Stylised version of* 心 *heart 61KR used figuratively to mean* ***feelings.*** Review i-11 example 3 for the correct stroke order for this radical.			

語

1. WORD　2. LANGUAGE　3. TELL / RELATE

GO	ICHIGO	一語	one word	[言 word 35KR]
	NIHONGO	日本語	Japanese language	[五 five 43]
kata.	kata.ru	語る	tell / relate / talk	[口 mouth 85KR]

134 *Words from five mouths are about* ***words*** *&* ***language*** *& what they* ***tell.***

悟

1. COMPREHENSION　2. ENLIGHTENMENT

GO	KAKUGO suru	覚悟	be resolved (resigned, prepared) to do	[忄 feelings 133R]
satori	satori	悟	religious enlightenment / awakening	[五 five 43]
sato.	sato.ru	悟る	comprehend / become aware of	[口 mouth 85KR]

135 *Feelings from five mouths are about* ***comprehension*** *and* ***enlightenment.***

気

SPIRIT

KI	TENKI	天気	the weather	[气 vapour]
KE	nemuKE	眠気	sleepiness / drowsiness	

136 *Vapour rising is the* ***spirit*** *of 'x'.* Originally written as 氣 showing vapour 气 rising from 米 cooked rice 72KR and meaning an unseen spirit or force. Simplification of 米 to 〆 degraded the clarity and power of this ideograph.

汽

STEAM

KI	KISHA	汽車	a steam train	[气 vapour]
				[氵 water 101R]

137 *Water vapour is* ***steam.***

末 抹 永 泳 詠

丶	**EMPHATICALLY**			
	138 E *For mnemonic purpose, we call a stroke written in either direction **'emphatically'**.*			

末

1. END 2. FUTURE

MATSU	SHUUMATSU	週末	weekend	[木 tree 70]
sue	sue	末	the end // the future	

139 KR *Topmost branch of tree is longer but in the **end** what **future** does it have?*

抹

1. ERASE 2. POWDER

MATSU	MASSATSU suru	抹殺	erase / cross out	[扌 hand 122R]
	MATCHA	抹茶	powdered green tea	[末 end 139KR]

140 *Hand in the end **erases** and leaves only **powder**.*

永

A LONG TIME [丶 emphatically 138E]

EI	EIEN	永遠	eternity	[永 v 水 water 67KR]
naga.	naga.i	永い	long / prolonged / lengthy	

141 KR *Emphatically 'fancy' water has been around for **a long time**.* Do not confuse with 氷 ice 68.

泳

SWIM

EI	SUIEI	水泳	swimming	[氵 water 101R]
oyo.	oyo.gu	泳ぐ	swim	[永 a long time 141KR]

142 *Water for a long time has been used to **swim** in.*

詠

1. POEM / SONG 2. COMPOSE / WRITE

EI	EISHOO	詠唱	an aria	[言 words 35KR]
yo.	yo.mu	詠む	compose / write (a poem)	[永 a long time 141KR]

143 *Words for a long time have been used for **composing poems.***

門 問 聞 。旨 指 脂

月 **BODY / BODY PART** [Name: nikuzuki]
144 R *Depiction of a filet of meat to symbolize **body** & **body part.***

門 **GATE**

MON	MON	門	a gate	[戸 door 41KR]
kado	kado	門	a gate	

145 KR *Pictograph of a double-doored **gate.***

問 1. **ASK / INQUIRE** **2. CARE ABOUT**

MON	MONDAI	問題	a question / problem	[口 mouth 85KR]
	CHOOMON	弔問	a call (visit) of condolence	[門 gate 145KR]
to.	to.u	問う	ask	

146 *Mouth at gate **asks** & **inquires** because it **cares about** you.*

聞 **1. HEAR / LISTEN TO** **2. ASK** **3. OBEY**

MON	CHOOMONKAI	聴聞会	a public hearing	[耳 ear 87KR]
BUN	SHINBUN	新聞	a newspaper	[門 gate 145KR]
ki.	ki.ku	聞く	hear // ask // obey	
	ki.koeru	聞こえる	be audible	

147 *Ear at gate **hears, asks** & **obeys.***

旨 **GIST / PURPORT / CONTENT**

SHI	SHUSHI	趣旨	the meaning (import, point)	
mune	mune	旨	the gist / purport / content / effect	[ヒ seated pers 121R]
				[日 sun 57KR]

148a KR *Seated person in the sun gets the **gist.***

指 **1. POINT** **2. FINGER**

SHI	SHIJI suru	指示	point out / indicate	[扌 hand 122R]
yubi	yubi	指	finger	[ヒ seated pers 121R]
sa.	sa.su	指す	point to (at)	[日 sun 57KR]

148b *Hand of seated person in the sun **points** with a **finger.***

脂 **FAT / GREASE / RESIN / GUM**

SHI	SHIBOO	脂肪	fat / grease	[月 body 144R]
abura	abura	脂	fat / grease	[ヒ seated pers 121R]
				[日 sun 57KR]

149 *Body of seated person in the sun is **fat** & **greasy.***

苗　描　猫

ANIMAL [Name: kemonohen]

150 R *Dog standing on its hind legs, now symbolizing **animal** in general.*

苗

SEEDLING / SAPLING

BYOO	SHUBYOO	種苗	seedlings	[⺾ plant 99R]
nae	naegi	苗木	a seedling / sapling	[田 field 16KR]
nawa	nawashiro	苗代	a bed for rice seedlings / a rice nursery	

151 KR *Plant in the field is a **seedling**.*

描

DRAW / SKETCH / PAINT // DEPICT

BYOO	BYOOSHA	描写	a depiction / description / portrayal	[扌 hand 122R]
ega.	ega.ku	描く	draw / sketch / paint // depict	[苗 seedling 151KR]

152 *Hand with a seedling- **draw** it as **depicted**.*

猫

CAT

neko	neko	猫	a cat	[犭 animal 150R]
	manekineko	招き猫	porcelain cat in store windows beckoning customers.	[苗 seedling 151KR]

153 *Animal amongst the seedlings is a **cat**.*

中　仲　沖　忠

亻	**PERSON**			[Name: ninben]
	154 R *Stick figure symbolising* ***person.*** *One of the commonest radicals.*			

中

1. MIDDLE / CENTRE / INSIDE　2. THROUGHOUT　3. CHINA

CHUU	CHUUOO	中央	the centre / middle
	ICHINICHIJUU	一日中	all day long
	CHUUGOKU	中国	China
	NITCHUU	日中	Sino-Japanese // during the day / in the daytime
naka	naka	中	the inside / interior / middle
	nakayubi	中指	the middle finger

155 KR *Symbol for* ***middle.***

仲

PERSONAL RELATIONS

CHUU	CHUUKAI	仲介	mediation	[亻 person 154R]
naka	naka	仲	relations / relationships	[中 middle 155KR]
	nakayoku	仲よく	on good terms	
	nakama	仲間	a companion / comrade / pal // a group / circle / gang	
	nakoodo*	仲人	go-between / matchmaker	

156 *Person in the middle has* ***personal relations.***

沖

OPEN SEA / OFF SHORE

CHUU	*	*	no common words with this reading	[氵 water 101R]
oki	oki	沖	open sea / off shore	[中 middle 155KR]
	okiai	沖合	open sea / offshore	

157 *Water in the middle is* ***open sea.***

忠

LOYALTY / FAITHFULNESS

CHUU	CHUUSHIN	忠臣	a loyal subject / a faithful retainer	[中 middle 155KR]
	CHUUSHINGURA			[心 heart 61KR]
		忠臣蔵	the 47 Ronin story	

158 *Middle of the heart symbolizes* ***loyalty*** *and* ***faithfulness.***

士　仕　志　誌

士

SHI

1. SAMURAI　2. MAN　3. SCHOLAR

BUSHI	武士	a samurai / warrior	
BUSHIDO	武士道	'bushido' / the samurai code of chivalry	
SHINSHI	紳士	a gentleman	
GAKUSHI	学士	a university graduate with a bachelor's degree	

159 KR *Erect phallus symbolizes a virile* ***samurai.***

仕

SHI
JI
tsuka.

SERVE　[亻 person 154R]

SHIGOTO	仕事	work / a job	[士 samurai 159KR]
SHIKATA	仕方	way / means / method	
KYUUJI	給仕	an office boy / a steward(ess) / a waiter (waitress)	
tsuka.eru	仕える	serve / wait on	

160 *Person who is a samurai must* ***serve*** *(his master).*

志

SHI
kokorozashi
kokoroza.

WILL / INTENTION / AIM

ISHI	意志	will / volition	[士 samurai 159KR]
kokorozashi	志	will / intention / aim	[心 heart 61KR]
kokoroza.su	志す	intend / aim / aspire (to do)	

161 *Samurai's heart is his* ***will.***

誌

SHI

1. WRITE DOWN / RECORD　2. MAGAZINE

NISSHI	日誌	a diary	[言 words 35KR]
ZASSHI	雑誌	a magazine	[士 samurai 159KR]
			[心 heart 61KR]

162 *Words from samurai's heart are* ***written down*** *in a* ***magazine.***

半　伴　畔　判

刂	**KNIFE**			[Name: rittoo]
	163 R *Although strictly a pictograph of a curved sword, we call 163R* ***knife*** *to distinguish it from 刀 sword 7KR. Both often convey cut in compounds.*			

半

HALF

HAN	HANBUN	半分	half	
	SEPPAN suru	折半	go halves / split 50-50 / share equally	
naka.	naka.ba	半ば	half / the middle / midst	

164 KR *Symbol for something split in* ***half.***

伴

ACCOMPANY

HAN	HANRYO	伴りょ	a companion	[亻 person 154R]
BAN	BANSOO	伴奏	accompany (in a musical sense)	[半 half 164KR]
tomona.	tomona.u	伴う	accompany (general sense) / go with	

165 *Person is only half unless* ***accompanied.***

畔

1. RIDGE (BETWEEN RICE PADDIES)　2. EDGE

HAN	KOHAN	湖畔	lakeshore	[田 field 16KR]
				[半 half 164KR]

166 *Field in half by a* ***ridge*** *at the* ***edge.***

判

1. STAMP / SEAL　2. JUDGEMENT　3. SIZE (OF PAPER, BOOKS)

HAN	HAN	判	a stamp / seal	
	HANKETSU	判決	a judgement / sentence	[半 half 164KR]
-ban	ooban	大判	large size paper / foolscap	[刂 knife 163R]

167 *Half it with a knife and* ***stamp*** *it for a* ***judgement*** *but use the right* ***size*** *of paper.*

及　吸　級　扱

HAND REACHING
168 R *Pictograph of a **hand reaching.***

及

KYUU
oyo.

1. REACH / COME UP TO / EXTEND TO

FUKYUU suru	普及	diffuse / spread / pervade / popularize	
oyo.bu	及ぶ	reach / come up to / extend to // cover (a topic) // equal / match	[人 person 94KR]
oyo.bosu	及ぼす	cause / affect	[扌 hand reach 168R]
oyo.bi	及び	and / as well	

169 KR *Depiction of a person and a hand reaching to seize him, to convey **reach**, **come up to**, **extend to** and various extended meanings.*

吸

KYUU
su.

INHALE / SUCK IN / SMOKE

KOKYUU	呼吸	breath / breathing // a knack	[口 mouth 85KR]
su.u	吸う	inhale / breathe in // absorb // smoke // sip	[及 reach 169KR]

170 *Mouth reaches to **inhale.***

級

KYUU

RANK / CLASS / GRADE

SHINKYUU	進級	a promotion	[糸 thread 78KR]
DOOKYUU	同級	the same class / grade (in school)	[及 reach 169KR]
KAIKYUU	階級	a class (in society)	
KOOKYUU	高級	high-class / deluxe // high ranking	

171 *Thread(s) reach all **ranks, classes** & **grades.*** We exploit the broader sense of 糸 to include cloth, or even clothing, for mnemonic resonance with the modern "threads' , as in 'nice threads'.

扱

atsuka.

DEAL WITH / HANDLE / TREAT

atsuka.u	扱う	deal with / handle / treat / operate (machinery) / work / control	[扌 hand 122R] [及 reach 169KR]
toriatsuka.u	取り扱う	deal with / handle / manage	

172 *Hand reaches to **deal with** it.*

可　河　何　荷　歌

可

1. POSSIBLE　2. GOOD　3. APPROVAL

KA	KANOO	可能	possible	[丅 city block 21KR]
	FUKA no	不可の	bad / wrong	[口 opening 85KR]
	KAKETSU suru	可決	approve / adopt / pass	
	kawai.i*	可愛い	dear / cute / sweet	

173 KR *City block with an opening is **possible** and **good** but needs **approval.***

河

RIVER

KA	KASEN	河川	rivers	[氵 water 101R]
kawa	kawa	河	a river	[可 possible 173KR]

174 *Water is possible in that **river.***

何

1. WHAT?　2. HOW MANY?　3. SOMETHING

KA	KIKAGAKU	幾何学	geometry	[亻 person 154R]
nan	nanji	何時	what time?	[可 possible 173KR]
	nannin	何人	how many people?	
nani	nanimono	何者	what sort of person? / who?	
	nanika	何か	something / anything / what	

175 KR *Person is possible- but **what? how many? Something...***

荷

1. LOAD / CARGO　2. BAGGAGE

KA	SHUKKA	出荷	shipment (of goods)	[艹 plant 99R]
ni	nimotsu	荷物	baggage / luggage // load	[何 what 175KR]

176 *Plants and what? There is already a **load** of **baggage.***

歌

SONG

KA	KASHU	歌手	a singer	[可 possible 173KR]
uta	uta	歌	a song	[欠 lack 28KR]
uta.	uta.u	歌う	sing	

177 *Doubly possible that we lack a **song.***

白 伯 拍 泊 迫 舶

MOVEMENT [Name: shinnyuu]

178 R *Looks like fluid **movement**. We call* 廴 ***simple movement**, although in fact it is a distinct radical named ennyuu.* Both radicals are written last (see i-12, example 8).

白

WHITE

HAKU	HAKUJIN	白人	a Caucasian
shiro.	shiro.i	白い	white
shira-	shiraga	白髪	white (grey) hair

179 KR *Depiction of a thumbnail to express **white.***

伯

COUNT / SENIOR FIGURE

HAKU	HAKUSHAKU	伯爵	a count / earl	[亻 person 154R]
	oji*	伯父	an uncle (elder brother of a parent)	[白 white 179KR]
	oba*	伯母	an aunt (elder sister of a parent)	

180 *Person who is white is a **count.*** See 893.

拍

1. CLAP 2. BEAT (IN MUSIC) [扌 hand 122R]

HAKU	HAKUSHU	拍手	clapping	[白 white 179KR]
HYOO	HYOOSHI	拍子	beat / rhythm	

181 *Hand is white from **clapping** to the **beat.***

泊

PUT UP FOR THE NIGHT / LODGE

HAKU	IPPAKU	一泊	an overnight stay	[氵 water 101R]
to.	to.maru	泊まる	put up for the night / stay / stop over	[白 white 179KR]
	to.meru	泊める	put a person up for the night / lodge	

182 *Water is white where we **put up for the night.***

迫

1. PRESS (SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING) 2. BE IMMINENT

HAKU	HAKUGAI	迫害	persecution / oppression	[辶 movement 178R]
sema.	sema.ru	迫る	press / urge // be imminent / draw near	[白 white 179KR]

183 *Movement that is white **presses** and is **imminent.***

舶

SHIPPING

HAKU	HAKURAI no	舶来の	imported	[舟 boat 12KR]
				[白 white 179KR]

184 *Boat that is white is in **shipping.***

付 附 符 府 腐

阝	**HILL**	[Name: kozatohen]
	185 R *From a pictograph of a terraced **hill**.* This radical always occupies the left hand side of a kanji. See 347R.	
广	**BUILDING**	[Name: madare]
	186 R *From* 冂 *showing the roof of a **building**.*	

付

FU **tsu.**

ATTACH [亻 person 154R]

FUKA suru	付加	add to / supplement	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
tsu.ku	付く	be attached / be connected with // be lit	
tsu.keru	付ける	attach / put (stick) on / fasten / apply // set (a fire) / turn on	

187 KR *Person with a skilful hand **attaches** (something to something else).*

附

FU

ATTACH / ACCOMPANY [阝 hill 185R]

FUKIN	附近	neighbourhood / vicinity	[付 attach 187KR]

188 *Hill is **attached** and **accompanies** (others).* This kanji seems largely redundant: modern dictionaries, for example, give 付近, not 附近 for neighbourhood.

符

FU

SIGN / SYMBOL

FUGOO	符号	a sign / symbol	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
KIPPU	切符	a ticket	[付 attach 187KR]

189 *Bamboo is attached as a **sign** & a **symbol**.*

府

FU

1. GOVERNMENT OFFICE **2. URBAN PREFECTURE**

SEIFU	政府	the government / the administration	[广 building 186R]
KYOOTOFU	京都府	Kyoto Prefecture	[付 attach 187KR]

190 KR *Building that is attached is a **government office** in an **urban prefecture**.*

腐

FU **kusa.**

ROT / SPOIL / TURN SOUR

FUHAI suru	腐敗	rot / putrify / decay / go bad	[府 gov't office 190KR
TOOFU	豆腐	tofu / bean curd	[肉 meat 63KR]
kusa.ru	腐る	rot / putrify / decay / go bad / turn sour	

191 *Government office has meat that is **rotten**.*

包 抱 泡 胞 砲 飽

WRAP
192 R *From a convergence of forms such as encircling arm* 勹 *womb* 冖 *coiled snake* 巳 *all conveying the idea of* ***wrap.***

包

WRAP UP [勹 wrap 192R]

HOO HOOI suru 包囲する besiege / surround / envelop [己 self 755KR]
tsutsu. tsutsu.mu 包む wrap up / envelop
193 KR *Wrap self and get all* ***wrapped up.***

抱

1. HUG 2. HOLD / CARRY IN ONE'S ARMS

HOO KAIHOO suru 介抱 nurse / tend / look after [扌 hand 122R]
da. da.ku 抱く hug / embrace [包 wrap up 193KR]
ida. ida.ku 抱く hug // harbour (feelings)
kaka. kaka.eru 抱える hold / carry in one's arms
194 *Hand wraps you up in a* ***hug*** *and* ***holds you.***

泡

BUBBLE / FOAM / FROTH / SUDS

HOO HOOMATSU 泡沫 bubbles / foam [氵 water 101R]
awa awa 泡 a bubble / foam / froth [包 wrap up 193KR]
195 *Water wrapped up in* ***bubbles & foam.***

胞

MEMBRANOUS SAC [月 body 144R]

HOO DOOHOO 同胞 a fellow countryman / a compatriot [包 wrap up 193KR]
SAIBOO 細胞 a cell (in biology)
196 *Body wrapped in a* ***membranous sac.*** (Body here refers to a fetus.)

砲

GUN / CANNON

HOO HOOGAN 砲丸 a cannon ball [石 stone 30KR]
197 *Stone wrapped up in a* ***cannon.*** [包 wrap up 193KR

飽

GET TIRED OF / BE SATIATED [食 food 804KR]

HOO HOOWA 飽和 satiation [包 wrap up 193KR]
a. a.kiru 飽きる get tired of / be satiated
198 *Food wrapped up because we* ***got tired of*** *it and were* ***satiated.***

工 紅 江 . . .

丐	**TWISTING WATERWEED** **199** CO *Showing a long **twisting waterweed** coming up to the surface before spreading out flat. As a CO character it means seeking an exit. As a radical it can convey flat, long and drawn out, or decaying.*
攵	**STRIKE** [Name: nobun] **200** R *Hand holding a stick to convey **strike**, coerce, cause to do.*

工

1. ARTISAN / CRAFTSMAN 2. MANUFACTURING / CONSTRUCTION

KOO	KOOJOO**	工場	a factory **also read as KOOba.
KU	DAIKU	大工	a carpenter

201 KR *Depiction of a carpenter's square to convey **artisan** & **craftsman** and by extension, **manufacturing** & **construction.***

紅

1. CRIMSON / DEEP RED 2. LIPSTICK / ROUGE

KOO	KOOYOO	紅葉	crimson leaves (of autumn)	[糸 thread 78KR]
KU	SHINKU	真紅	crimson / deep red	[工 artisan 200KR]
kurenai	kurenai	紅	crimson / deep red	
beni	beni	紅	lipstick / rouge	
	kuchibeni	口紅	lipstick	

202 *Threads of the artisan are **crimson** and so is her **lipstick**.*

江

1. BAY / INLET / RIVER 2. THE YANGTSE RIVER

KOO	KOOGA	江河	the Yangtse River	[氵 water 101R]
e	edo	江戸	Edo / old Tokyo	[工 artisan 200KR]
	irie	入り江	a creek / inlet	

203 *Water and artisan who works by the **bay** & sometines by the **Yangtse River***

○ ○ ○ 巧 攻 功 項 貢

巧

SKILL

KOO	GIKOO	技巧	an art / a technical skill / technique	[工 artisan 200KR]
taku.	taku.mi na	巧みな	skilful / clever / ingenious	[丂 twisting ww 199CO]

204 *An ideograph in which an artisan has planed something until it is as flat and level as a twisting waterweed floating on the surface, an act requiring great* ***skill.***

攻

ATTACK

KOO	KOOGEKI	攻撃	an attack	[工 artisan 200KR]
se.	se.meru	攻める	attack	[攵 strike 200R]

205 *Artisan strikes when he* ***attacks.***

功

1. MERITS 2. SUCCESS

KOO	KOOZAI	功罪	pros and cons	[工 artisan 200KR]
	SEIKOO	成功	success	[力 power 17KR]

206 *Artisan with power* ***merits*** *his* ***success.***

項

ITEM / HEADING / CLAUSE

KOO	KOOMOKU	項目	a heading / an item	[工 artisan 200KR]
				[頁 forehead 453R]

207 *Artisan's forehead is full of* ***items, headings*** & ***clauses.***

貢

1. PAY TRIBUTE 2. SUPPORT FINANCIALLY

KOO	KOOKEN	貢献	a contribution / service	[工 artisan 200KR]
KU	NENGU	年貢	a land tax (historical)	[貝 money 91KR]
mitsu.	mitsu.gu	貢ぐ	support financially / give money to	

208 *Artisan sits on money and won't* ***pay tribute*** *or* ***support me financially.***

III. Sound Groups- Level 2

朝　潮　。　間　簡

朝

1. MORNING　2. COURT

CHOO	CHOOSHOKU	朝食	breakfast	[日 sun 57KR]
	CHOOTEI	朝廷	the Imperial Court	[艹 plant 99R]
asa	asa	朝	morning	[月 moon 58KR]

209 KR *Sun rising through simple plants and a waning moon- it's **morning** in the **court**.*

潮

TIDE

CHOO	CHOORYUU	潮流	a tidal current // a tendency / trend	[氵 water 101R]
shio	shio	潮	the tide	[朝 morning 209KR]

210 *Water in the morning is the **tide**.*

間

INTERVAL / SPACE / GAP

KAN	JIKAN	時間	time / an hour / a period	[門 gate 145KR]
KEN	SEKEN	世間	the public / society / the world	[日 sun 57KR]
	NINGEN	人間	a human being	
aida	aida	間	an interval / space / gap	
ma	ma	間	an interval / space (of time) // a room	

211 KR *Sun on gate reveals **intervals, spaces** & **gaps**.*

簡

SIMPLE / BRIEF　[⺮ bamboo 71KR]

KAN	KANTAN na	簡単な	simple	[間 interval 211KR]
	SHOKAN	書簡	a letter	

212 *Bamboo (writing tablet) with intervals is **simple** & **brief**.*

高　稿　。　利　痢

禾	**RICE PLANT** **213** R *From* 未 *showing a* ***rice plant.*** In some compounds, 禾 can refer to rice itself.	[Name: nogihen]
冫	**ICE** **214** R *Two cracks in the* ***ice.***	[Name: nisui]
疒	**SICKNESS** **215** R *Icy building leads to* ***sickness.***	[Name: yamaidare] [冫 ice 214R] [广 building 186R]

高

KOO

taka.

1. TALL / HIGH　2. EXPENSIVE

KOOKOO	高校	senior high school	
KOOSHOO na	高尚な	noble / elegant / lofty / refined	
taka.i	高い	tall / high // expensive	
taka.maru	高まる	something rises	
taka.meru	高める	raise / elevate / enhance / improve	

216 KR *Depiction of a watchtower to convey* ***tall*** *&* ***high*** *and by extension,* ***expensive.***

稿

KOO

MANUSCRIPT

GENKOO	原稿	a manuscript / draft / copy	[禾 rice plant 213R] [高 tall 216KR]

217 *Rice plant is as tall as my* ***manuscript.***

利

RI

ki.

1. PROFIT / ADVANTAGE　2. WORK / BE EFFECTIVE

RISHI	利子	interest (monetary)	[禾 rice plant 213R]
YUURI na	有利な	profitable / advantageous / favourable	[刂 knife 163R]
ki.ku	利く	work / be effective	
hidarikiki	左利き	left-handed / a left-handed person	

218 KR *Rice plant is cut with a knife for* ***profit.*** *It* ***works!***

痢

RI

DIARRHEA

GERI	下痢	diarrhea	[疒 sickness 215R] [利 profit 218KR]

219 *Sickness that profits (no one) is* ***diarrhea.***

知 痴 。州 酬 。暦歴

酉

WINE JAR / ALCOHOL

220 R Pictograph of a stoppered wine jar about one third full.

知

KNOW

CHI	CHISHIKI	知識	knowledge	[矢 arrow 80KR]
shi.	shi.ru	知る	know	[口 mouth 85KR]

221 KR *Arrow mouth **knows.*** The ideograph means to speak with the speed of an arrow, indicating that the speaker **knows** a lot.

痴

FOOLISH

CHI	CHIJOO	痴情	foolish love / blind passion / jealousy	[疒 sickness 215R]
				[知 know 221KR]

222 *Sickness of knowing that you are **foolish.***

州

1. PROVINCE / STATE 2. SANDBANK

SHUU	HONSHUU	本州	Honshu	[丶 sandbank]
su	nakasu	中洲	a sandbank	[川 river 19KR]

223 KR *Three **sandbanks** in a river are like **provinces.***

酬

REWARD

SHUU	HOOSHUU	報酬	a reward / remuneration	[酉 wine jar 220R]
				[州 province 223KR]

224 *Wine jar to the province as a **reward.***

暦

CALENDAR

REKI	SEIREKI	西暦	the Western calendar / A.D.	[厂 cliff 100R]
koyomi	koyomi	暦	a calendar	[林 woods 1468KR]

225 *Cliff with woods and the sun- that's a nice scene for a **calendar!***

歴

HISTORY

				[厂 cliff 100R]
REKI	REKISHI	歴史	history	[林 woods 1468KR]
				[止 stop 3KR]

226 *Cliff where woods stops- that's where **history** was made.*

倉 創。呈 程。帶滞

亼 亠	**LID** **POT LID** **227** R *Both radicals usually convey cover.*			[Name: nabebuta]
倉	**WAREHOUSE**			[亼 lid 227R]
SOO	SOOKO	倉庫	a warehouse	[戸 v 戸 door 41KR]
kura	kura	倉	a warehouse	[口 entrance 85KR]
	228 KR *Lid covers the door and entrance to the* ***warehouse.***			
創	**CREATION**			[倉 warehouse 228KR]
SOO	SOOZOO	創造	creation	[刂 knife 163R]
	229 *Warehouse knife- a useful* ***creation.***			
呈	**PRESENT / OFFER**			[口 mouth 85KR]
TEI	SHINTEI suru	進呈	present (something to someone)	[王 king 64KR]
	230 KR *Mouth of king* ***presents*** *an* ***offer.***			
程	**EXTENT / DEGREE**			[禾 rice plant 213R]
TEI	TEIDO	程度	extent / degree / measure / grade	[呈 present 230KR]
hodo	hodo	程	extent / degree / bounds / limit	
	231 *Rice plant presented- and that's about the* ***extent*** *of it.*			
帶	**1. BELT / SASH / OBI 2. ZONE 3. WEAR**			
TAI	NETTAI	熱帯	the tropics	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
obi	obi	帯	a belt / sash / obi	
o.	o.biru	帯びる	wear (around the waste *eg.* a belt, sword)	
	232 KR *Pictograph of an* ***obi*** *with small items attached. Cloth is added for emphasis.*			
滞	**1. STOP / STAGNATE 2. BE OVERDUE**			
TAI	TAIZAI	滞在	a stay / sojourn / visit	[氵water 101R]
	TAINOO	滞納	nonpayment / in arrears	[帯 belt 232KR]
todokoo.	todokoo.ru	滞る	be overdue (in arrears, unpaid)	
	233 *Water that's "belted up"* ***stops*** *&* ***stagnates*** *like bills that are* ***overdue.***			

刑 型。亭 停。黄 横

刑

KEI

PENALTY / PUNISHMENT [井 well 50KR]

KEIBATSU	刑罰	a penalty / punishment / sentence	[刂 knife 163R]
KEIMUSHO	刑務所	a prison / jail	

234 KR *Well and knife are both good for **penalty** & **punishment.*** Note variant of 井 .

型

KEI
kata

TYPE / FORM / MODEL

GENKEI	原型	a prototype	[刑 penalty 234KR]
kata	型	type / form / model / design / size	[土 earth 15KR]
oogata torakku	大型トラック	a large truck	

235 *Penalty on the earth- but what **type?***

亭

TEI

RESTAURANT / INN

RYOOTEI	料亭	a Japanese-style restaurant	[高 tall 216KR]
TEISHU	亭主	a husband / the master / host (of an inn)	[丁 city block 21KR]

236 KR *Tall city block has a **restaurant** & **an inn.***

停

TEI

STOP

TEISHI suru	停止	stop / suspend / interrupt / ban	[亻 person 154R]
			[亭 restaurant 236KR]

237 *Person at restaurant **stops** (the waiter).*

黄

OO
KOO
ki

YELLOW

OOGON no	黄金の	gold / yellow (in colour)	[共 together 32KR]
KOOYOO	黄葉	yellow leaves (of autumn)	[田 field 16KR]
kiiro	黄色	yellow	

238 KR *Together the fields turn **yellow.***

横

OO
yoko

SIDE / SIDEWAYS / CROSSWAYS

OODAN suru	横断	cross / go across / traverse	[木 tree 70KR]
yoko	横	a side / width	[黄 yellow 238KR]
yoko ni	横に	across / crossways / sideways	

239 *Tree yellow from lying on its **side.***

盾 循 。 述 術 。 貫 慣

厂	**SHIELD**			
	240 E *Looks like a **shield.***			
盾	**SHIELD**			
JUN	MUJUN	矛盾	an inconsistency / a discrepancy	[厂 shield 240E]
tate	tate	盾	a shield	[十 ten 52]
	241 KR *Shield 10 eyes with a **shield.***			[目 eye 86KR]
循	**CIRCULATE / FOLLOW**			
JUN	JUNKAN	循環	circulation	[彳 go 482R]
	242 *Go with a shield- **circulate!*** .			[盾 shield 241KR]
述	**STATE / TELL / MENTION / REFER TO**			
JUTSU	KOOJUTSU	口述	an oral statement	[辶 movement 178R]
no.	no.beru	述べる	state / tell / mention / refer to	[木 tree 70KR]
	243 *Movement of loose dotted tree is as **stated.*** Note variant of 木.			
術	**TECHNIQUE**			
JUTSU	SHUJUTSU	手術	an operation / surgery	[行 go 4KR]
				[木 tree 70KR]
	244 *Go around loose dotted tree requires **technique.***			
貫	**PIERCE**			[母 mother 97]
KAN	KANTSUU	貫通	penetration	[貝 money 91KR]
tsuranu.	tsuranu.ku	貫く	pierce / penetrate // accomplish	
	245 KR *Mother's money is **pierced.*** Note variant of 母 .Originally this character showed two shells on a string and referred to money threaded on a string. The idea of **piercing** the shells in order to string them gave rise to the current meaning.			
慣	**BECOME USED TO**			[忄 feelings 133R]
KAN	SHUUKAN	習慣	a habit / custom / practice	[貫 pierce 245 KR]
na.	na.reru	慣れる	become used to / grow familiar with // become tame	
	na.rasu	慣らす	tame / domesticate / break in (new shoes) / get someone used to	
	246 *Feelings pierced but I've **become used to** it.*			

帝 締。要 腰。唐 糖

冖	**COVER**			[Name: wakanmuri]
	247 R *Looks like a **cover.***			

帝	**EMPEROR**			[立 stand up 25KR]
TEI	TEIKOKU	帝国	an empire	[冖 cover 247R]
	248 KR *Standing up and covered with cloth- it's the **emperor.***			[巾 cloth 120NJY]
締	**1. TIE / BIND 2. SHUT / CLOSE 3. BE THRIFTY**			[糸 thread 78KR]
TEI	TEIKETSU	締結	a conclusion	[帝 emperor 248KR]
shi.	shi.maru	締まる	be shut / closed // be thrifty / frugal	
	shi.meru	締める	tie / bind / tighten up // shut / close // save / economize	
	249 *Thread around the emperor- **tie** him up & **close** (the palace) to **be thrifty.***			

要	**1. VITAL / ESSENTIAL 2. NEED / WANT 3. MAIN POINT**			
YOO	JUUYOO na	重要な	vital / essential / weighty / important	[西 west 84KR]
	HITSUYOO	必要	need / want / necessity / requirement	[女 woman 96KR]
	YOOTEN	要点	the main point / gist / substance	
i.	i.ru	要る	need / want	
	250** KR Western woman is **vital.** I **need** & **want** one, and that is the **main point.			
腰	**PELVIC REGION / LOINS / HIPS / LOWER BACK**			
YOO	YOOTSUU	腰痛	lumbago	[月 body part 144R]
koshi	koshi	腰	the waist / loins / hips	[要 vital 250KR]
	251 *Body part that is vital is **the pelvic region.*** Koshi is also used figuratively in Japanese and has the same sense as backbone in English.			

唐	**T'ANG (A DYNASTY OF CHINA)**			[广 building 186R]
TOO	TOOgaraSHI	唐辛子	red (cayenne) pepper	[扌 hand]
kara	karamatsu	唐松	a Japanese larch	[丨 pestle & 口 mortar]
	252 KR *Buildings with a hand holding a pestle & mortar were common in **T'ang** China.*			
糖	**SUGAR**			
TOO	SATOO	砂糖	sugar	[米 rice 72KR]
	253 *Rice from T'ang China- **sugar** too.*			[唐 T'ang China 252KR]

玄 弦 。 皆 階 。 陛

TWISTING DEVICE

254 E *Pictograph of a simple* ***twisting device*** *used to twist threads into rope.* Do not confuse with 亠 pot lid 227R.

玄

GEN

MYSTERIOUS / DARK

GENMAI	玄米	brown (unpolished) rice	[亠 twisting dev 254E]
GENKAN	玄関	entranceway / porch	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]
kurooto*	玄人	an expert / a specialist / connoisseur	

255 KR *Twisting device applied to a short thread in a* ***mysterious*** *&* ***dark*** *way.*

弦

GEN
tsuru

STRING / BOWSTRING

GENGAKKI	弦楽器	a string instrument	[弓 bow 81KR]
tsuru	弦	a string / a bowstring	[玄 mysterious 255KR]

256 *Bow has a mysterious* ***string.***

皆

KAI
mina**

ALL / EVERYTHING / EVERYBODY

KAIKIN	皆勤	perfect attendance	[比 compare 125KR]
mina san	皆さん	everyone **also minna	[白 white 179KR]

257 KR *Compare what is white:* ***all*** *of it is-* ***everything*** *&* ***everybody.***

階

KAI

1. STAIRS 2. FLOOR / STORY

KAIDAN	階段	stairs / stairway	[阝 hill 185R]
SANKAI	三階	the 3rd floor (story)	[皆 all 257KR]

258 *Hills are all like* ***stairs*** *or* ***floors*** *&* ***stories.***

陛

HEI

1. MAJESTY 2. STEPS (OF THE THRONE) [阝 hill 185R]

HEIKA	陛下	his (her) majesty	[比 compare 125KR]
TENNO HEIKA	天皇陛下	His Majesty the Emperor	[土 earth 15KR]

259 *Hill compared to earth is like his* ***majesty's steps of the throne.*** HEI is an orphan in the *Kanji Mnemonics* system in that it does not fit in the 'KAI' same sound group nor does it fit as a structural member.

孤 弧 。泉 線 。衣 依

瓜

MELON

260 NJY *Pictograph of a **melon** in a rope sling hanging from a frame. As a radical it expresses alone in 261 and arc-shaped in 262.*

孤

KO

ALONE

KOJI	孤児	an orphan	[子 child 95KR]
KORITSU	孤立	isolation	[瓜 melon 260NJY]

261 *Child and melon are **alone.***

弧

KO

ARC

KO	弧	an arc	[弓 bow 81KR]
KAKKO	括弧	parentheses ( )	[瓜 melon 260NJY]

262 *Bow and melon have an **arc.***

泉

SEN
izumi

SPRING

ONSEN	温泉	a hot spring / spa	[白 white 179KR]
izumi	泉	a spring / fountain	[水 water 67KR]

263 KR *White water from the **spring.***

線

SEN

LINE

SEN	線	a line	[糸 thread 78KR]
NAISEN	内線	telephone extension	[泉 spring 263KR]
NIBANSEN	二番線	track no. 2	

264 *Thread-like spring forms a **line.***

衣

I
koromo

CLOTHES / CLOTHING

IFUKU	衣服	clothing
koromo	衣	clothes / clothing

265 KR *Originally showing a collar and sleeves to convey **clothes.***

依

I

DEPEND ON / RELY ON

IZON suru	依存	depend (rely) on	[亻 person 154R]
IRAI suru	依頼	ask // entrust // depend (rely) on	[衣 clothes 265KR]

266 *Person with clothes is someone you can **depend on.***

准 準 。 宿 縮

隹

BIRD

267 R *From a pictograph* 𠂇 *of a* ***bird.***

准

1. SEMI- / QUASI- / JUNIOR / ASSOCIATE 2. PERMIT

JUN

JUNSHOO	准将	a brigadier general / a commodore	[冫 ice 214R]
HIJUN	批准	ratification	[*v.s.* bird 267R]

268 *Ice bird is only a* ***semi****-bird, if you will* ***permit*** *it.*

準

1. SEMI- / QUASI- / JUNIOR / ASSOCIATE 2. LEVEL / STANDARD

3. IN PROPORTION TO [氵 water 101R]

[*v.s.* bird 267R]

JUN

JUNKESSHOO	準決勝	a semi-final game / match	[十 branch]
JUNSHAIN	準社員	a junior employee / an associate member	
JUNBI	準備	preparations / arrangements	
SUIJUN	水準	water level // a level / a standard	
JUNjiru	準じる	apply correspondingly to / be in proportion to	

269 *Water birds roosting on a branch are at* ***semi- levels*** *that are* ***in proportion.***

宿

1. INN / LODGE 2. LONG-STANDING

SHUKU

SHUKUHAKU	宿泊	lodging	[宀 house 107R]
SHUKUDAI	宿題	homework	[亻 person 154R]
SHUKUTEKI	宿敵	an old enemy	[百 one hundred 53]

yado

yado	宿	an inn / a hotel	

yado.

yado.ru	宿る	stay at / put up at / lodge
yado.su	宿す	conceive / be with child

270 KR *House where 100 persons* ***lodge*** *is a* ***long-standing inn.***

縮

SHRINK / REDUCE [糸 thread 78KR]

SHUKU

SHUKUZU	縮図	a scaled-down drawing	[宿 inn 270KR]

chiji.

chiji.mu	縮む	something shrinks / shortens / contracts
chiji.meru	縮める	contract / cut down / shorten / reduce / shrink
chiji.rasu	縮らす	curl one's hair

271 *Thread (bare) inn* ***shrinks & reduces*** *(its services).*

昆 混 。 流 硫 。 棄

云	**NEWBORN CHILD** **272** E *From* 子 *showing a child being born head first.*

昆

1. INSECT 2. MULTITUDE [日 sun 57KR]

KON	KONCHUU	昆虫	an insect	[比 compare 125KR]
	KONBU	昆布	'konbu' / sea tangle / kelp	

273 KR *Pictograph of an **insect** showing the carapace (now written as sun) and the legs (now written as compare).* The modern version probably arose through miscopying.

混

MIX

KON	KONKETSU	混血	mixed blood / a half-breed	[氵 water 101R]
	KONRAN	混乱	confusion / disorder	
ma.	ma.jiru	混じる	mix (mingle, blend) with	
	ma.zaru	混ざる	mix (mingle, blend) with	
	ma.zeru	混ぜる	mix / mingle / blend // adulterate	

274 *Water with an insect **mixed** in it.*

流

1. FLOW 2. STYLE

RYUU	RYUUTSUU	流通	circulation / ventilation	[氵 water 101R]
	RYUUKOO	流行	a fashion / vogue / craze / fad	[*v.s.* newb child 272E]
naga.	naga.reru	流れる	flow / drain / stream down / run down	
	naga.su	流す	pour	

275 *Water & newborn child & amniotic fluid **flow** out in **style.***

硫

SULFUR

RYUU	RYUUSAN	硫酸	sulfuric acid	[石 stone 30KR]
	ioo*	硫黄	sulfur	[流 flow 275]

276 *Stone that flows is **sulfur.*** Note the "waterless" variant of 流.

棄

ABANDON // THROW OUT [*v.s.* newb child 272E]

KI	KIKYAKU suru	棄却	reject / turn down / dismiss (a lawsuit)	[廾 broom]
	HAIKI suru	廃棄	abandon / discard	[木 tree (wood) 70KR]
	HAIKIBUTSU	廃棄物	waste material / scrap	

277 *Newborn child swept away with a broom with a wooden handle has been **abandoned** & **thrown out.*** An orphan with few sound or structural relatives.

弟 第。協 脅。筋

丶丿	**OUT OF**			
	278 E *Symbol for something coming* ***out of*** *eg. steam from a pot, words from a mouth.*			

弟

YOUNGER BROTHER

DAI	KYOODAI	兄弟	a brother / a sister / brothers & sisters	[丶丿 out of 278E]
DE	DESHI	弟子	a pupil / disciple / an apprentice	[弓 bow 81KR]
TEI	SHITEI	子弟	sons / sons & daughters / children	[亻 feathered arrow]
otooto	otooto	弟	a younger brother	

279 *Out of his bow a feathered arrow is shot by* ***younger brother.***

第

1. PREFIX FOR ORDINALS 2. ORDER 3. GRADE

DAI	DAIICHI	第一	No. 1 / first / best	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
	DAINIKA	第二課	Lesson 2 (in a text)	[弓 bow 81KR]
	SHIDAI	次第	order // circumstances // depend on	[亻 feathered arrow]
	KYUUDAI suru	及第	pass (an examination)	

280 *Bamboo bow with a feathered arrow is* ***No. 1*** *but in any* ***order*** *it makes the* ***grade.***

協

COOPERATE

KYOO	KYOORYOKU	協力	cooperation	[十 ten 52]
	KYOOKAI	協会	an association / a society	[力 power 17KR]

281 *Ten triple powers* ***cooperate.***

脅

THREATEN

KYOO	KYOOHAKU	脅迫	a threat / intimidation	[力 power 17KR]
obiya.	obiya.kasu	脅かす	threaten / intimidate	[月 body 144R]

282 *Triple power of the body* ***threatens.***

筋

1. MUSCLE 2. A LINE 3. THE PLOT 4. REASON / LOGIC

KIN	KINNIKU	筋肉	muscles / sinews	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
suji	suji	筋	a line // muscles / sinews // a fibre //	[月 body part 144R]
			plot // reason / logic	[力 power 17KR]
	sujigaki	筋書	the plot of a play // a synopsis / plan	
	sujimichi	筋道	reason / the thread (of an argument) // due formalities	

283 *Bamboo body part with power are* ***muscles*** *which are like a* ***line*** *or* ***plot*** *or* ***reason.***

升 昇 。則 側 測

升

SHOO

A 'SHO' (UNIT OF VOLUME = 1.8 LITRES) [亻 person 154R]

ISSHOOBIN 一升瓶 a one 'sho' bottle / a 1.8 litre bottle [十 ten 52KR]

284 KR *Person is as ten after drinking a **'sho'**.* The measure is widely associated with sake.

昇

SHOO

1. RISE 2. BE PROMOTED

JOOSHOO suru 上昇 rise / go up / ascend [日 sun 57KR]

SHOOSHIN 昇進 a promotion [升 a 'sho' 284KR]

285 *Sun shines on a 'sho'- it **rises** and I get **promoted.***

則

SOKU

RULE / LAW

KISOKU 規則 a rule / a regulation [貝 money 91KR]

HOOSOKU 法則 a law [刂 knife 163R]

286 KR *Money and a knife make the **rules.***

側

SOKU
kawa

SIDE

SOKUMEN 側面 the side

kawa 側 a side [亻 person 154R]

hidarigawa 左側 left side [則 rule 286KR]

migigawa 右側 right side

hantaigawa 反対側 opposite side

287 *Person with a rule is at the **side.***

測

SOKU
haka.

MEASURE

SOKUTEI 測定 a measure [氵 water 101R]

haka.ru 測る measure / weigh [則 rule 286KR]

288 *Water rule- always **measure.***

守 狩 。 抗 坑 航

亢	**HIGH** **289** NJY *From a depiction of a person with an exaggerated neck 亠 to convey **high**.* Other shades of meaning may include stiff, erect, haughty.

守

1. PROTECT / DEFEND 2. OBEY 3. BABYSIT [宀 house 107R]

SHU	SHUBI	守備	defense	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
SU	RUSUBAN	留守番	house-sitting	
mamo.	mamo.ru	守る	protect / defend // keep (a promise) // obey (the law)	
mori	komori	子守	baby-sitting	

290 KR *House and a skilful hand will **protect** them if they **obey** the **baby-sitter.***

狩

HUNT

SHU	SHURYOO	狩猟	hunting	[犭 animal 150R]
ka.	ka.ru	狩る	hunt	[守 protect 290KR]
	ka.ri	狩り	hunting	

291 *Animal protected from **hunting**.*

抗

RESIST / OPPOSE

KOO	KOOSOO	抗争	a dispute / quarrel / resistance	[扌 hand 122R]
	KOOTAI	抗体	an antibody	[亢 high 289NJY]

292 *Hand held high to **resist** & **oppose.***

坑

MINE / PIT / HOLE

KOO	KOOFU	坑夫	a miner	[土 earth 15KR]
	TANKOO	炭坑	a coal mine	[亢 high 289NJY]

293 *Earth piled high by the **mine.***

航

SAILING / VOYAGE

KOO	KOOKAI	航海	a sea voyage // navigation	[舟 boat 12KR]
	KOOKUUBIN	航空便	airmail	[亢 high 289NJY]

294 *Boat on high is on a **sailing voyage.***

巨 拒 距 。奴 怒 努

又

HAND

295 R *From a pictograph of a hand.* Since 295R almost always occurs on the right-hand side of kanji, it can be thought of as a right **hand** to distinguish it from 扌 hand 122R.

巨

KYO

HUGE / GIGANTIC

KYODAI na	巨大な	huge / gigantic	
KYOJIN	巨人	a giant // the Giants (baseball team)	

296 KR *Staring eye is **huge.*** Don't confuse with 臣 retainer 65KR.

拒

KYO
koba.

REFUSE

KYOHI suru	拒否	refuse / reject / deny / veto	[扌 hand 122R]
koba.mu	拒む	refuse / reject // oppose / resist	[巨 huge 296KR]

297 *Hand that is huge can **refuse.***

距

KYO

DISTANCE

KYORI	距離	distance	[足 foot 34KR]
			[巨 huge 296KR]

298 *Foot that is huge can cover a lot of **distance.***

奴

DO

1. SLAVE / SERVANT 2. GUY (IDIOT, DUMMY, S.O.B.)

DOREI	奴隷	a slave	
yatsu*	奴	that guy (derogatory)	[女 woman 96KR]
yakkosan*	奴さん	that guy (derogatory)	[又 hand 295R]

299 KR *Woman's hand works like a **slave** for that **guy.***

怒

DO
ika. / oko.

GET ANGRY

DOKI	怒気	anger	[奴 slave 299KR]
ika.ru / oko.ru	怒る	get angry / lose one's temper	[心 heart 61KR]

300 *Slave's heart **gets angry.***

努

DO
tsuto.

1. TRY HARD / STRIVE 2. BE EMPLOYED [奴 slave 299KR]

DORYOKU suru	努力	try hard / strive / make an effort	[力 power 17KR]
tsuto.meru	努める	be employed (in, by) / work in // try hard / strive / endeavour	

301 *Slave with power **trys hard** to **be employed.***

道 導 。 先 洗 銑

儿	**LEGS**			[Name: hitoashi]
	302 R *Looks like **legs.***			

道

WAY / ROAD / STREET

DOO	TETSUDOO	鉄道	a railway / railroad	[辶 movement 178KR]
	JUUDOO	柔道	judo	[首 head 88KR]
TOO	SHINTOO	神道	Shinto	
michi	michi	道	a way / road / street / path	

303 KR *Movement of head shows the **way** to the **road.***

導

LEAD / GUIDE

DOO	SHIDOO	指導	leadership / guidance	[道 way 303KR]
michibi.	michibi.ku	導く	lead / guide / show the way	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

304 *Way of the skilful hand is to **lead** & **guide.***

先

1. AHEAD / EARLIER / PREVIOUS 2. THE FUTURE 3. DESTINATION 4. TIP

SEN	SENSEI	先生	teacher	
	SENGETSU	先月	last month	[牛 cow 90KR]
saki	saki	先	the future // the destination // ahead / first // tip / point	[儿 legs 302R]

305 KR *Cow on two legs **ahead** but what is her **future** & **destination**? Same as **earlier.***

洗

WASH

SEN	SENTAKU	洗濯	the wash	[氵water 101R]
ara.	ara.u	洗う	wash	[先 ahead 305KR]
	o-te arai	お手洗い	a washroom	

306 *Water ahead for **washing.***

銑

PIG IRON

SEN	SENTETSU	銑鉄	pig iron	[金 metal 10KR]
				[先 ahead 305KR]

307 *Metal ahead is **pig iron.***

代 貸 袋 。 屈 掘 堀

弋 **DOTTED CURVED SWORD**
308 E *Looks like a curved sword with a dot.*

代

1. GENERATION / AGE 2. FEE / FARE 3. REPRESENT 4. REPLACE / RELIEVE

DAI	JIDAI	時代	a time / period / epoch / age / era	[亻 person 154R]
	basu DAI	バス代	bus fare	[弋 dot curv swor 308E]
	DAIRI	代理	a representative / proxy / deputy / agent	
TAI	KOOTAI suru	交代	relieve / take someone's place / take turns / alternate	
yo	kimigayo	君が代	Kimigayo / the national anthem of Japan	
shiro	minoshiro	身の代	a ransom	
ka.	ka.waru	代わる	take the place of / replace / relieve (a person)	

309 KR *Person with a dotted curved sword is from another **generation.** He charged a **fee** to **represent** you but now he has been **replaced.***

貸

LEND

TAI	TAIYO suru	貸与	lend	[代 generation 309KR]
ka.	ka.su	貸す	lend	[貝 money 91KR]

310 *Generations of money- **lend** me some!*

袋

BAG

TAI	YUUTAI	郵袋	a mail bag	[代 generation 309KR]
fukuro	fukuro	袋	a bag / sack / pouch	[衣 clothing 265 KR]
	tebukuro	手袋	gloves	
	Ibukuro	胃袋	stomach	

311 *Generations of clothing in a **bag.***

屈

1. BEND 2. YIELD

KUTSU	FUKUTSU no	不屈の	unyielding / undaunted / dauntless	[尸 buttocks 105R]

312 KR *Buttocks go out as one **bends** and **yields.*** [出 go out 26]

掘

DIG

KUTSU	HAKKUTSU	発掘	excavation	[扌 hand 122R]
ho.	ho.ru	掘る	dig / excavate / burrow	[屈 bend 312KR]

313 *Hand bends as you **dig.***

堀

MOAT / CANAL / DITCH [土 earth 15KR]

hori	hori	堀	a moat / canal / ditch	[屈 bend 312KR]

314 *Earth bends in **moats, canals** & **ditches.***

挟 峡 狭 。 章 障 彰

夾

SQUEEZED BETWEEN

315 NJY *From an earlier form* 夾 *showing a big person* 大 ***squeezed between*** *two other persons* 人 .

挟

PUT BETWEEN [扌 hand 122R]

KYOO KYOOGEKI 挟撃 a pincer attack

hasa. hasa.maru 挟まる get between / be caught (pinched, squeezed, hemmed in)

hasa.mu 挟む put between / interpose

316 *Hand got squeezed between when I* ***put it between.***

峡

RAVINE / GORGE / CANYON

KYOO KYOOKOKU 峡谷 a ravine / gorge / canyon [山 mountain 20KR]
[夾 squeez bet 315NJY]

317 *Mountain squeezed between a* ***ravine.***

狭

NARROW / SMALL & CRAMPED [犭 animal 150R]

KYOO KYOORYOO na 狭量な narrow-minded [夾 squeez bet 315NJY]

sema. sema.i 狭い narrow / small & cramped / poky

seba. seba.meru 狭める narrow / reduce / limit (the width)

318 *Animal can squeeze between* ***narrow*** *spaces and* ***small & cramped*** *places.*

章

1. BADGE 2. CHAPTER

SHOO KISHOO 記章 a badge / insignia // a medal [立 stand up 25KR]

DAISANSHOO 第三章 Chapter 3 [早 early 102KR]

319 KR *Stand up early to get a* ***badge*** *for your* ***chapter.***

障

HINDER / BLOCK

SHOO SHOOGAI 障害 an obstacle / obstruction / impediment / hindrance

SHOOJI 障子 a 'shoji' screen / a paper sliding door

sawa. sawa.ru 障る hinder / hurt / offend [阝 hill 185R]
[章 badge 318KR]

320 *Hill badge is for* ***hindering & blocking.***

彰

OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGE [章 badge 318KR]

SHOO HYOOSHOO 表彰 official commendation [彡 hair 342CO]

321 *Badge with hair* ***openly acknowledges*** *(heroism, a good deed etc.).*

丙 柄 病 。求 球 救

冂	**ALTAR WITH STURDY LEGS** **322** E *From a pictograph* 冂 *of a large* ***altar with sturdy legs.***

丙

HEI

THIRD / C

KOO-OTSU-HEI 甲乙丙 1-2-3 / ABC

323 KR *Sacrificial item on altar with sturdy legs is* ***3rd*** *rate and gets a* ***C .*** The current meaning is borrowed to express **third** in a sequence and has no connection with altars.

柄

1. PATTERN / DESIGN 2. NATURE / CHARACTER 3. HANDLE

HEI	OOHEI	横柄	arrogance	
gara	gara	柄	a pattern / design // nature / character	[木 tree 70KR]
e	e	柄	a handle	[丙 3rd 323KR]

324 *Tree that is 3rd rate has a poor* ***pattern*** *and* ***by nature*** *will not make a good* ***handle.***

病

ILLNESS

HEI	SHIPPEI	疾病	a disease	[疒 sickness 215R]
BYOO	BYOOIN	病院	a hospital	[丙 3rd 323KR]
yamai	yamai	病	illness / sickness / disease	
ya.	ya.mu	病む	fall ill / get sick	

325 *Sickness is 3rd rate- so is* ***illness.***

求

1. ASK FOR / REQUEST 2. SEEK / LOOK FOR

KYUU	KYUUSHOKU	求職	job hunting	
moto.	moto.meru	求める	ask for / request // seek / look for	[水 water 67KR]

326 KR *Dotted cross in the water-* ***ask for & seek it.***

球

BALL / SPHERE

KYUU	CHIKYUU	地球	the earth / the globe	[王 king 64KR]
	YAKYUU	野球	baseball	[求 ask for 326KR]
tama	tama	球	a ball / sphere / globe // gem / jewel	

327 *King asks for his* ***ball*** *and* ***sphere.***

救

RESCUE / AID

KYUU	KYUUKYUU	救急	first aid	[求 ask for 326KR]
suku.	suku.u	救う	rescue / aid / help / save / relieve	[攵 strike 200R]

328 *Ask for a strike to* ***rescue*** *them.*

壮　　荘　　装

丬	**BED** **329** E *Originally written* 爿 *this element is one side of a tree* 丬 *split longitudinally and represents a plank of wood used as a litter or sick* ***bed****. Its mirror image evolved to become* 片 *fragment 77KR.*
礻	**ALTAR** **330** R *Derived from* 示 *36KR and depicting an* ***altar****. As a radical* 礻 *frequently denotes 'of the gods' or 'having to do with the gods'.* The kanji 示 no longer has religious connotations and simply means 'show'.
骨	**BONES** **VERTEBRAE** **331** R ***Bones*** *is derived from an earlier form* 𦣞 *showing the skull and vertebrae. In compounds it usually refers to the skeleton.* ***Vertebrae*** *in compounds often conveys flexibility or ease of movement.*

壮

SOO

MANLY / STRONG / GRAND

SOOKEN na	壮健な	hale & hearty / robust / healthy	[丬 bed 329E]
SOODAI na	壮大な	grand / magnificent	[士 samurai 159KR]

332 KR *Bed of samurai is* ***manly, strong*** *&* ***grand.***

荘

SOO

1. MANOR / VILLA　2. SOLEMN / MAJESTIC

BESSOO	別荘	a cottage / country house / villa	[艹 plant 99R]
SOOCHOO na	荘重な	solemn / majestic / sublime	[壮 manly 332KR]

333 *Plants are manly at the* ***manor*** *which is* ***solemn*** *&* ***majestic.***

装

SOO

SHOO

yosoo.

1. WEAR　2. PRETEND / FEIGN　3. EQUIPMENT / GEAR

FUKUSOO	服装	clothes / garments / dress	
HENSOO	変装	a disguise	[壮 manly 332KR]
SOOCHI	装置	equipment / a device / an apparatus	[衣 clothing 265KR]
ISHOO	衣装	clothes / garments / dress	
yosoo.u	装う	wear // pretend / feign	

334 *Manly clothing-* ***wear*** *it and* ***pretend*** *it is your* ***equipment.***

骨 滑 。 渦 過 禍

骨

BONE

KOTSU	KOSSETSU	骨折	a bone fracture	[v.s. bones 331R]
hone	hone	骨	a bone	[月 body 144R]

335 KR *Bones in the body and all of them* ***bone.***

滑

1. SLIDE 2. SMOOTH

KATSU	JUNKATSUYU	潤滑油	lubricating oil	[氵 water 101R]
	ENKATSU na	円滑な	smooth / harmonious	[骨 bone 335KR]
sube.	sube.ru	滑る	slide / glide / skate / skid / slip	
name.	name.rakana	滑らかな	smooth	

336 *Water on bone makes it* ***slide*** *because it becomes* ***smooth.*** The KOTSU / KATSU pair is also a slippery one- be careful not to confuse their ON readings.

渦

1. WHIRLPOOL / VORTEX

KA	KACHUU	渦中	maelstrom / vortex	[氵 water 101R]
uzu	uzu	渦	whirlpool / vortex	[v.s. vertebrae 331R]

337 *Water that moves like vertebrae is a* ***whirlpool.***

過

1. PASS / GO PAST / BE PAST 2. EXCEED 3. SPEND TIME 4. ERROR

KA	TSUUKA suru	通過	pass (by, through, over) // pass (a bill)	
	KADO no	過度の	excessive / too much	
su.	su.giru	過ぎる	pass by / go past // exceed	[辶 movement 178R]
	tabesugiru	食べ過ぎる	eat too much / overeat	[v.s. vertebrae 331R]
	su.gosu	過ごす	spend time	
ayama.	ayama.chi	過ち	an error	

338 *Movement of vertebrae may* ***pass*** *and* ***exceed*** *the norm: you may have to* ***spend time*** *recovering from this* ***error.***

禍

CALAMITY / MISFORTUNE

KA	KAKON	禍根	the root of evil / the seeds of trouble	
	SAIKA	災禍	a calamity / disaster	[礻 altar 330R]
	ZEKKA	舌禍	an unfortunate slip of the tongue	[v.s. vertebrae 331R]

339 *Altar with vertebrae- there has been a* ***calamity.***

採　菜　彩

爫	**HAND REACHING DOWN** **340** E *Showing a **hand reaching down.*** As a NJY character, 340 means talon / claw.
采	**PICK** [爫 hand rea dow 340E] **341** NJY *Hand reaching down into a tree to **pick** (fruit etc.)* [木 tree 70KR]
彡	**HAIR** **342** CO *Looks like **hair**.* Often conveys 'attractive' or 'delicate' in compounds.

採

1. PICK / GATHER / COLLECT　2. ADOPT / INTRODUCE　3. EMPLOY

SAI	SAISHU suru	採取	pick / gather / collect	[扌 hand 122R]
	SAIYOO suru	採用	adopt / introduce (a new method)	[v.s. pick 341NJY]
to.	to.ru	採る	pick / gather // employ / engage	

343 *Hand **picks** and **adopts** (a new method) that **employs** (more workers).*

菜

1. VEGETABLE　2. RAPE / MUSTARD PLANT

SAI	YASAI	野菜	vegetables	[艹 plant 99R]
na	na	菜	greens	[v.s. pick 341NJY]
	natane	菜種	rapeseed / canola	

344 *Plants that are picked are **vegetables** including **rape** & **mustard.***

彩

COLOUR

SAI	SAISHIKI suru	彩色	colour / paint	[v.s. pick 341NJY]
irodo.	irodo.ru	彩る	colour / paint / dye	[彡 hair 342CO]

345 *Pick some hair and **colour** it.*

低　抵　底　邸

氏	**BOTTOM** **346** E *Clan is at the **bottom.***	[氏 clan 66KR] [一 bottom]
阝	**VILLAGE** **347** R *On the right hand side of kanji, oozato 阝 means **village.*** *On the left hand side of kanji, kozatohen 阝 means hill 185 R.*	[Name: oozato]

低

LOW

TEI	TEION	低音	a low-pitched sound // a low voice / bass	[亻 person 154R]
hiku.	hiku.i	低い	low	[氏 bottom 346E]

348 *Person at the bottom is **low.***

抵

RESIST

TEI	TEIKOO	抵抗	resistance / opposition	[扌 hand 122R]
	TEITOO	抵当	a mortgage	[氏 bottom 346E]

349 *Hand at the bottom will **resist**.*

底

BOTTOM

TEI	KAITEI	海底	bottom of the sea / sea bottom	[广 building 186R]
soko	soko	底	the bottom	[氏 bottom 346E]

350 *Building at the bottom is at the very **bottom.***

邸

MANSION / RESIDENCE

TEI	TEITAKU	邸宅	a mansion / residence	[氏 bottom 346E]
	Tanaka-TEI	田中邸	Tanaka's residence	[阝 village 347R]

351 *Bottom of the village has many **mansions** & **residences.***

相 霜 想 箱 。算

相

1. BOTH SIDES / MUTUAL 2. GOVERNMENT MINISTER

SOO	SOODAN	相談	consultation	[木 tree 70KR]
SHOO	SHUSHOO	首相	Prime Minister	[目 eye 86KR]
ai-	aite	相手	the other party / partner / opponent	

352 KR *Tree eyed by **both sides** and the **Minister.***

霜

FROST

SOO	SOOGAI	霜害	frost damage	[雨 rain 69KR]
shimo	shimo	霜	frost	[相 both sides 352KR]

353 *Rain on both sides turns to **frost.***

想

IDEA / THOUGHT

SOO	SHISOO	思想	an idea / thought	[相 both sides 352KR]
	KUUSOO	空想	a day-dream / fantasy	[心 heart 61KR]

354 *Both sides of the heart have **ideas** & **thoughts.***

箱

BOX

hako	hako	箱	a box	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
				[相 both sides 352KR]

355 *Bamboo on both sides of the **box.***

算

CALCULATE [⺮ bamboo 71KR]

SAN	KEISAN	計算	calculation / computation	[目 abacus]
	YOSAN	予算	an estimate // a budget	[廾 two hands]

356 *Bamboo abacus held by two hands is for **calculating.*** The element 目 which looks like 目 eye 86KR in fact is an abacus. The element 廾 is a simplification of 𠦪 two hands holding the abacus.
SAN is an orphan: structurally, it does not fit the SOO group and its etymological origins are also different.

捕　浦　補　舗

甫	**BEGIN** **357** NJY *Composed of* 用 *use 27KR and a simplified version of a hand holding a tool* 十 *to convey 'start to work' and more generally,* ***begin.***
衤	**CLOTHING** **358** R *Derived from a pictograph showing a collar and sleeves to express* ***clothing****. The kanji for clothing is written* 衣 *265KR and is of the same origin.*

捕

CATCH / SEIZE [扌 hand 122R]

HO [甫 begin 357NJY]

	HOGEI	捕鯨	whaling
	HOSHU	捕手	a catch / a catcher (baseball)
to.	to.raeru	捕らえる	catch / seize / arrest
tsuka.	tsuka.maeru	捕まえる	catch / seize / arrest

359 *Hand begins to* ***catch.***

浦

BAY [氵 water 101R]

HO* [甫 begin 357NJY]

*Few, if any, compounds exist

ura	ura	浦	bay / inlet // seacoast
	Urashima Taroo	浦島太郎	Urashima Taro, a character in a Japanese folk tale.

360 *Water begins at the* ***bay.***

補

MAKE UP FOR / SUPPLY / COMPENSATE

HO [衤 clothing 358R]

ogina. [甫 begin 357NJY]

	HOKYUU	補給	a supply (of food, fuel etc.)
	ogina.u	補う	make up for / supply / compensate

361 *Clothing begins to* ***make up for*** *it.*

舗

1. SHOP / STORE　2. PAVEMENT

HO

TENPO	店舗	a shop / store	[舍 building 127KR]
HOSOO suru	舗装	pave	[甫 begin 357NJY]

362 *Building begins as a* ***shop*** *on the* ***pavement.***

長　脹　帳　張

長

1. LONG　2. CHIEF / HEAD

CHOO	CHOOJIKAN	長時間	a long time / many hours	[髦 flowing mane]
	SHACHOO	社長	the president (of a company)	[衣 clothing 265KR]
naga.	naga.i	長い	long	

363 KR *Flowing mane and simple clothing are **long** as befits a **chief.***

脹

SWELL

CHOO	BOOCHOO	膨脹	swelling / expansion
fuku.	fuku.reru	脹れる	something swells / expands // be sulky / sullen
	fuku.ramasu	脹ります	swell / expand / distend / inflate / blow up
	fuku.rasu	脹らす	=fuku.ramasu

[月 body part 144R]

364 *Body part that is long **swells.***　[長 long 363KR]

帳

DIRECTORY / REGISTRY / NOTEBOOK

CHOO	DENWACHOO	電話帳	telephone book (directory)	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
	TECHOO	手帳	a notebook	[長 long 363KR]

365 *Cloth that is long is listed in the **directory.***

張

STRETCH

CHOO	KAKUCHOO	拡張	extension / expansion	
	SHUTCHOO	出張	a business trip	[弓 bow 81KR]
ha.	ha.ru	張る	stretch	[長 long 363KR]

366 *Bow that is long can **stretch.***

朱　殊　珠　株

歹

BARE BONES

367 E *Looks like a vertebrae and* ***bare bones****.* The element often signifies death in compounds.

朱

SHU

SCARLET [ノ emphatically 138E]

SHUIRO	朱色	scarlet / vermillion	[一 top branch]
			[木 tree 70KR]

368 KR *Emphatically the top branch of the tree is* ***scarlet.***

殊

SHU
koto ni

ESPECIALLY

TOKUSHU	特殊	special	[歹 bare bones 367E]
koto ni	殊に	especially	[朱 scarlet 368KR]

369 *Bare bones turn scarlet- that's* ***especially*** *(unpleasant).*

珠

SHU

PEARL

SHUGYOKU	珠玉	a jewel / gem / jewelry	[王 king 64KR]
SHINJU	真珠	a pearl	[朱 scarlet 368KR]
SHINJU WAN	真珠湾	Pearl Harbor	

370 *King turns scarlet over his* ***pearls.***

株

kabu

1. STOCK / SHARE **2. STUMP**

kabuSHIKI	株式	a stock / share	[木 tree 70KR]
kabunushi	株主	a stockholder	[朱 scarlet 368KR]
kirikabu	切り株	a stump	

371 *Tree turns scarlet like my* ***stocks****. Soon it will be a* ***stump.***

倹　検　険　験　剣

僉	**CHECK CAREFULLY** **372** E *Derived from* 僉 *showing two persons* 儿儿 *(fused as* 兄 *in the modern version) talking together under a cover or roof* 亼 *. Perhaps they are horse traders. The element conveys meanings such as judge, examine closely, and* ***check carefully.***

倹

KEN

THRIFTY

KEN'YAKU no	倹約の	thrifty / frugal / economical	[亻 person 154R] [v.s. check carefully 372]

373 *Person who checks carefully is* ***thrifty.***

検

KEN

INVESTIGATION

KENSATSU	検察	a criminal investigation	[木 tree 70KR]
KENTOO	検討	an investigation / examination / study	[v.s. check carefully 372]
KENSAKU suru	検索	look up (a word in a dictionary)	

374 *Tree checked carefully for clues during the* ***investigation.***

険

KEN
kewa.

1. STEEP / PERILOUS　2. SEVERE

			[阝 hill 185R]
KEN'AKU na	険悪な	dangerous / perilous / critical	[v.s. check carefully 372]
kewa.shii	険しい	steep // severe / harsh / fierce / grim	

375 *Hill checked carefully because it is* ***steep*** *&* ***severe.***

験

KEN

EXAMINATION / TESTING

SHIKEN	試験	an examination / a test	[馬 horse 92KR]
JIKKEN	実験	an experiment	[v.s. check carefully 372]

376 *Horse checked carefully during the* ***examination*** *&* ***testing.***

剣

KEN
tsurugi

SWORD

KEN	剣	a sword	
KENDOO	剣道	Kendo	[v.s. check carefully 372]
tsurugi	剣	a sword	[刂 knife 163R]

377 *Check the knife carefully: it is really a* ***sword.***

司　伺　詞　飼　嗣

司

SHI

1. AN OFFICIAL　2. ADMINISTER

SHIKAISHA	司会者	master of ceremonies / chairman	
SHIHOO	司法	administration of justice	
SUSHI*	寿司	sushi	

378 KR *A wonderfully plain ideograph showing a rear end (left buttock & anus) to convey the idea of a sedentary government **official**, now more widely used for any **official** and for the work that **officials** do, i.e. **administer.***

伺

SHI
ukaga.

1. VISIT　2. ASK / INQUIRE ABOUT　3. HEAR / BE TOLD

SHIKOO	伺候	a courtesy call	[亻 person154R]
ukaga.u	伺う	visit / call on // ask / inquire about // hear / be told	[司 official 378KR]

379 *Person who is an official **visits** and **asks about** (others), **I hear.***

詞

SHI

WORDS

MEISHI	名詞	a noun (lit. name word)	[言 words 35KR]
DOOSHI	動詞	a verb (lit. action word)	[司 official 378KR]

380 *Words of an official are just **words.***

飼

SHI
ka.

RAISE (KEEP) ANIMALS

SHIRYOO	飼料	feed / fodder	[食 food 804KR]
ka.u	飼う	raise (keep, feed) animals	[司 official 378KR]

381 *Food official **raises animals.***

嗣

SHI

HEIR

SHISHI	嗣子	heir	[口 mouth 85KR]
			[冊 volume 24]

382 *Mouth says volumes about the official who will be **heir.*** [司 official 378KR]

交 校 絞 効 郊 較

交

1. CROSS / INTERSECT 2. COMING & GOING 3. MIX / INTERMINGLE

KOO	KOOSATEN	交差点	an intersection / a crossing	
	KOOTSUU	交通	traffic	
	GAIKOO	外交	diplomacy	
maji.	maji.waru	交わる	associate with / mix with / intermingle // intersect / cross	
	maji.eru	交える	mix / blend / adulterate	
ma.	ma.zeru	交ぜる	=maji.eru	[六 six 44]
ka.	ka.wasu	交わす	exchange (words, greetings)	

383 KR *Six Xs **cross** and **intersect**, some **coming** & **going**, some **mixing.***

校

1. SCHOOL 2. COMPARE 3. COMMANDER

KOO	GAKKOO	学校	school	[木 tree70KR]
	KOOSEI	校正	proofreading	[交 cross 383KR]
	SHOOKOO	将校	an officer (military)	

384 *Tree crosses at the **school** where we **compare commanders.***

絞

WRING OUT / STRANGLE

KOO	KOOSATSU	絞殺	strangulation / hanging	[糸 thread 78KR]
shi.	shi.meru	絞める	wring / strangle	[交 cross 383KR]
shibo.	shibo.ru	絞る	wring out / squeeze / press / milk	
	o-shibo.ri	お絞り	a wet hand towel	

385 *Threads cross when you **wring out** (a mop).*

効

BE EFFECTIVE

KOO	YUUKOO na	有効な	effective / vaid / good	[交 cross 383KR]
	MUKOO no	無効の	ineffectual / invalid / void	[力 power 17KR]

386 *Cross power to **be effective.***

郊

SUBURBS

KOO	KOOGAI	郊外	the suburbs	[交 cross 383KR]
				[阝 village 347R]

387 *Cross the village to get to the **suburbs.***

較

COMPARE

KOO	KOOSEI	較正	calibration	[車 vehicle 40KR]
KAKU	HIKAKU	比較	comparison	[交 cross 383KR]

388 *Vehicle that crosses- **compare** it.*

青 清 精 晴 . . .

主	**GROWING PLANT**			
	389 E *Pictograph of a **growing plant.***			

青

1. BLUE / GREEN 2. YOUNG

SEI	SEINEN	青年	a youth / young person	[主 growing plant 389E]
	SEISHUN	青春	the prime of one's life	[月 moon 58KR]
ao	ao	青	blue colour	
ao.	ao.i	青い	blue / green	
	aozora	青空	blue sky	

390 KR *Growing plant and the moon look **blue/green** when they are **young.***

清

CLEAN / PURE

SEI	SEIKETSU na	清潔な	clean / pure	[シ water 101R]
kiyo.	kiyo.i	清い	clean / pure	[青 blue 390KR]
	kiyo.meru	清める	cleanse / purify	

391 *Water that is blue is **clean** & **pure.***

精

1. ENERGY / SPIRIT / VITALITY 2. FINE / DETAILED

SEI	SEIRYOKU	精力	energy / vigour / vitality	[米 rice 72KR]
	SEISHIN	精神	spirit / mind / soul	[青 blue 390KR]
	SEIMITSU na	精密な	precise / detailed / thorough / minute	
SHOO	BUSHOO na	不精な	lazy / idle / slothful / indolent	

392 *Rice that is blue gives you **energy.***

晴

CLEAR UP

SEI	SEITEN	晴天	clear sky / fine weather	[日 sun 57KR]
ha.	ha.reru	晴れる	clear up / stop raining / lift (fog)	[青 blue 390KR]
	hare	晴れ	clear (fine, fair) weather	
	ha.rasu	晴らす	clear (one's name) / dispel (doubt, gloom)	

393 *Sun and blue (sky)- it's **clearing up.***

○ ○ ○ 情 請 静

情

1. FEELINGS / EMOTION 2. SYMPATHY / COMPASSION 3. FACTS / DATA

SEI	FUZEI	風情	an air // taste / elegance	
JOO	JOOJI	情事	a love affair / romance	[忄 feelings 133R]
	NINJOO	人情	human feelings / sympathy / kindness	[青 blue 390KR]
	JOOHOO	情報	a report / information / intelligence	
nasa.	nasa.ke	情け	tender feelings / sympathy / pity / mercy / compassion	

394 *Feeling blue- I need **sympathy** and that's **a fact!***

請

1. ASK FOR 2. RECEIVE

SEI	SEIGAN	請願	a petition / an application	[言 word 35KR]
SHIN	FUSHIN	普請	building / construction // repairs	[青 blue 390KR]
ko.	ko.u	請う	ask / request / beg / solicit	
uke.	uke.ru	請ける	receive	
	ukeoi	請負	a contract (for work)	

395 *Words turn blue as one **asks for** & **receives** (a contract).*

静

CALM / QUIET

SEI	HEISEI	平静	calm / tranquility / serenity	[青 blue 390KR]
JOO	JOOMYAKU	静脈	a vein	[争 quarrel 1646KR]
shizu.	shizu.ka na	静かな	calm / quiet / still / tranquil / placid	
	shizu.maru	静まる	become calm (quiet) // calm down / subside	
	shizu.meru	静める	calm / quiet / soothe / appease / pacify	

396 *Blue quarrel is **calm** & **quiet.***

III. Sound Groups- Level 3

幣　弊　。　塾　熟

幣

HEI

1. SHINTO ZIGZAG PAPER OFFERING　2. MONEY [小 small 2KR]

GOHEI	御幣	cut paper strips (in Shinto)	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
SHIHEI	紙幣	paper money / a bill / a note	[攵 strike 200R]
KAHEI	貨幣	money / currency / a coin	[巾 cloth 120NJY]

397 *Small, small (bits) of cloth struck (cut) from a (larger) cloth as a symbolic* ***offering*** *to the gods. The cloth offerings later became paper, then paper money and eventually* ***money*** *in general.* The uppermost small is a variant of 小 .

弊

HEI

1. EVIL / VICE　2. HUMBLE PREFIX MEANING 'OUR'

HEIGAI	弊害	an evil / a vice / a harmful effect	[幣 offering 397]
HEISHA	弊社	our company	[廾 two hands 356]

398 *Offering by two hands is* ***evil*** *in* ***our humble*** *(opinion).*

塾

JUKU

PRIVATE CRAMMING SCHOOL / A 'JUKU' [高 tall 216KR]

JUKU	塾	a juku	[子 child 95KR]
JUKUSEI	塾生	a juku student	[丸 round 1616KR]
			[土 earth 15KR]

399 *Tall child 'round the earth goes to a* ***juku.***

熟

JUKU

u.

RIPE / MATURE

SEIJUKU	成熟	ripeness / maturity	[高 tall 216KR]
HANJUKU no	半熟の	half-ripe / soft-boiled (egg)	[子 child 95KR]
u.reru	熟れる	ripen / be ripe	[丸 round 1616KR]
			[灬 fire 402R]

400 *Tall child 'round the fire is* ***ripe*** *&* ***mature.***

無　舞　。　随　髄

無	**DANCER** **401** E *Originally showing a person with exaggerated tasseled sleeves **dancing**. The modern form has few, if any, features that might suggest a **dancer**.*
灬	**FIRE** [Name: rekka / renga] **402** R *Looks like a **fire.***
夕牛	**OPPOSED FEET** **403** E *From a pictograph of two **opposed feet,** now squared in the modern version.*

無

NOT / NOT BE / WITHOUT / UN- / -LESS [*v.s.* dancer 401E]

BU	BUJI ni	無事に	safely / without a hitch (accident)	[*v.s.* fire 402R]
MU	MURI na	無理な	unreasonable / unjust / unnatural / forced	
	MURYOO no	無料の	no charge / free of charge	
na.	na.i	無い	not be	

404 *Dancer on fire- she's **not**!!* The character 無 was borrowed to express **not** and **cease to be** and has no connection with either dancing or fire. See p i-v.

舞

1. DANCE 2. FLIT / FLUTTER

BU	KABUKI	歌舞伎	kabuki	[*v.s.* dancer 401E]
ma.	ma.u	舞う	dance // flit / flutter / whirl about	[*v.s.* opposed feet 403E]
mai	maiko	舞子	a dancing girl	

405 *Dancer with opposed feet **dances** & **flits about.***

随

FOLLOW

ZUI	ZUII no	随意の	optional / voluntary	[阝 hill 185R] [辶 movement 178R]

406 *Hill movement exists- **follow** it.* [有 exist 1742KR]

髄

MARROW

ZUI	KOTSUZUI	骨髄	the marrow	[骨 bone 335KR]
	SHINZUI	真髄	the essence (soul) of	[辶 movement 178R] [有 exist 1742KR]

407 *Bone movement exists- in the **marrow.***

峰 縫 。還 環 。尉 慰

夆	**SHARP**			
	408 CO *This CO character means butt / gore and is composed of* 夂 *upside down foot 3KR and* 丰 *a variant of* 牛 *cow 90KR to mean a* person *sent over a cow's horns. As a radical it conveys tapered or* ***sharp.***			
峰	**PEAK / TOP**			
HOO	SHUHOO	主峰	the main peak	[山 mountain 20KR]
mine	mine	峰	a peak / top / summit	[v.s. sharp 408CO]
	409 *Mountain is sharp at the* ***peak.***			
縫	**SEW**			
HOO	SAIHOO	裁縫	sewing	[糸 thread 78KR]
nu.	nu.u	縫う	sew / stitch	[辶 movement 178R]
	410 *Thread, movement and sharp (needle) for* ***sewing.***			[v.s. sharp 408CO]
還	**RETURN**			
KAN	HENKAN	返還	a return / a restoration / repayment	[辶 movement 178R]
	KIKAN	帰還	a return / repatriation	[目 eye 86KR]
				[哀 pity 1730KR]
	411 *Movement eyed with flat pity because we have to* ***return*** *it.*			
環	**RING / CIRCLE**			
KAN	KANJOO no	環状の	ring-shaped / circular / loop	[王 king 64KR]
	KANKYOO	環境	environment	[目 eye 86KR]
	412 *King eyed with flat pity because he's in the* ***ring.***			[哀 pity 1730KR]
尉	**OFFICER**			[尸 buttocks 105R]
I	CHUUI	中尉	a lieutenant	[示 show 36KR]
				[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	413 KR *Buttocks show the skilful hand of an* ***officer.***			
慰	**COMFORT / CONSOLE / CHEER UP**			[尉 officer 413KR]
I	IAN	慰安	comfort / consolation / relaxation	[心 heart 61KR]
nagusa.	nagusa.meru	慰める	comfort / console / cheer up	
	414 *Officer with heart* ***comforts, consoles*** *&* ***cheers up*** *(his men).*			

録　緑　。　縁

彔

EXUDE / OOZE

415 E *An element depicting a crude wine press* 冂 *and liquid* 氷 *67KR* ***exuding / oozing*** *from it.*

録

RECORD

ROKU	ROKUON	録音	recording	[金 metal 10KR]
	ROKUGA	録画	video recording	[v.s. exude 415E]
	KIROKU	記録	a record / document / archives	

416 *Metal that exudes is used for* ***records.*** According to Henshall (Appendix I), this character originally referred to verdigris (copper oxide) which is 'exuded' from copper. Copper was used extensively for engraving and inscriptions and it is the idea of an enduring **record** that is now conveyed by this kanji.

緑

GREEN

ROKU	ROKUSHOO	緑青	verdigris	[糸 thread 78KR]
RYOKU	YOORYOKUSO	葉緑素	chlorophyll	[v.s. exude 415E]
midori	midori	緑	green	

417 *Threads that exude are* ***green.*** This character originally referred to thread that was the colour of copper oxide (verdigris) but now means **green** in general.

縁

1. RELATION / CONNECTION　2. MARRIAGE　3. FATE / DESTINY　4. VERANDA　5. EDGE / BORDER

EN	EN	縁	relations // fate / destiny // a veranda / balcony / porch	
	ENDAN	縁談	a marriage proposal	
	ENGAWA	縁側	a veranda	[糸 thread 78KR]
fuchi	fuchi	縁	an edge / border / rim / hem	[豕 pig 867NJY]

418 *Thread tied to a tusked pig?* ***Relations*** *in that* ***marriage*** *depend on* ***fate****, especially on the* ***veranda*** *and at the* ***edge****.* Although similar in form to 417, this kanji is of different etymological origin.

幾　　機

戈

LANCE

419 R *Derived from a pictograph of a stake, doubled to for emphasis, to give **lance** / halberd.* In compounds it often imparts meanings such as cut, pierce or kill.

戊
戍
成
我

HALBERD

VARIANT OF HALBERD

VARIANT OF HALBERD

TASSELED HALBERD

420 R *The various forms of **halberd** are derived from showing a **halberd** / lance with a prominent blade . Tassels were hung on such weapons to indicate a killing. Henshall (Appendix I) makes the analogy to notches being filed on a gun handle in the American West. In addition to being a weapon of war, a **halberd** could be used for cutting and trimming and in some kanji it imparts the meaning of making things right. **Halberds** could also be stuck in the ground as temporary markers and this use is reflected in other kanji.*

幾

HOW MANY? HOW MUCH?

KI	KIKAGAKU	幾何学	geometry	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR
iku-	ikutsu	幾つ	how many?	[戊 halberd 420R]
	ikura	幾ら	how much?	

421 KR *Two short threads cut by a halberd- that's **how many** and **how much!*** Note yet another variant of halberd in 幾 and 機 .

機

1. MACHINE / DEVICE　2. OPPORTUNITY　3. LOOM

KI	KIKAI	機械	a machine / machinery	[木 tree 70KR]
	KIKAI	機会	an opportunity / occasion / a chance	[幾 how many 421KR]
hata	hata	機	a loom	

422 *Tree. How many does it take to make a **machine** or a **loom** if given the **opportunity**?*

郷　響　。　総　窓

良　**GOOD**

㠯　**VARIANT OF GOOD**

艮　**NOT GOOD**

目　**VARIANT OF NOT GOOD**

423 *For mnemonic purpose we consider these radicals and elements all to be variants of* ***good,*** *although in fact* 良 *and* 艮 *have different origins.* It is good to learn 良 1035KR at this point.

郷

VILLAGE / RURAL AREA [糸 thread 78KR]

KYOO	KOKYOO	故郷	one's home town / village	[v.s. not good 423]
GOO	KINGOO	近郷	neighbouring districts	[阝 village 347R]

424 KR *Strange thread not good in that* ***village*** *or in* ***rural areas****.*

響

1. ECHO / REVERBERATE　2. AFFECT

KYOO	HANKYOO	反響	an echo // a response	[郷 village 424KR]
	EIKYOO	影響	an effect / influence / consequence	[音 sound 1488KR]
hibi.	hibi.ku	響く	echo / sound / reverberate / ring // affect	

425 *Village sound* ***echos*** *&* ***reverberates*** *and* ***affects*** *everyone.*

総

GENERAL / OVERALL / TOTAL

SOO	SOOKAI	総会	a general meeting	[糸 thread 78KR]
	SOORI	総理	prime minister / premier	[公 public 83KR]
	SOOKEI	総計	the total / the total amount	[心 heart 61KR]

426 *Thread in the public's heart is* ***general.***

窓

WINDOW

SOO	DOOSOOSEI	同窓生	a fellow student / graduate / alumnus	[穴 hole 51KR]
mado	mado	窓	a window	[厶 nose 502E]
				[心 heart 61KR]

427 *Hole in my nose and heart is like a* ***window.***

需　儒　。勤　謹

而

BEARD
428 E *Stylized pictograph of a **beard.***

堇

BLOOMING PLANT
429 E *Showing a growing plant* 土 *389E with a bloom* 口 . Plant ⺾ 99R has been added for emphasis. (The **blooming plant** is in fact a violet).

需

JU

1. NEED　2. DEMAND

HITSUJUHIN	必需品	necessities	[雨 rain 69KR]
JUYOO	需要	a demand	[v.s. beard 428E]

430 KR *Rain on beard- I **need** and **demand** (a towel).*

儒

JU

CONFUCIANISM

JUGAKU	儒学	Confucianism	[亻 person 154R]
JUKYOO	儒教	Confucianism	[需 need 430KR]

431 *Person's needs are met by **Confucianism.***

勤

KIN
tsuto.

1. BE EMPLOYED　2. BE FIT FOR

KINMU suru	勤務	serve / work / be on duty	[⺾ plant 99R]
KINROO	勤労	labour / work / service	[v.s. bloom plant 429E]
tsuto.meru	勤める	be employed / work in	
tsuto.maru	勤まる	be fit for (a job)	

432 *Blooming plant with power- I'm **employed** to tend it and I'm **fit for** the job.*

謹

KIN
tsutsushi.

RESPECTFUL / CIRCUMSPECT　[言 word 35KR]

KINTEI	謹呈	with the compliments of the author	[v.s. bloom plant 429E]
tsutsushi.mu	謹む	restrain oneself / abstain / be cautious	

433 *Words about blooming plant should be **respectful** & **circumspect.*** The formal KINGASHINNEN 謹賀新年 meaning Happy New Year may be seen on cards.

路 露。県 懸。墾 懇

路

1. ROAD 2. ROUTE / WAY

RO	DOORO	道路	a road	[足 foot 34KR]
-ji	kooji	小路	an alley / a lane	[各 each 31KR]

434 KR *A foot on each **road.***

露

1. OPEN / PUBLIC 2. DEW 3. RUSSIA

RO	ROTEN de	露天で	outdoors / in the open	[雨 rain 69KR]
	NICHIRO	日露	Japan and Russia	[路 road 434KR]
tsuyu	tsuyu	露	dew	

435 *Rain on the road but **in the open** it is **dew** in **Russia.***

県

PREFECTURE [目 eye 86KR]

KEN	KENCHOO	県庁	a prefectural office	[乚 corner]
	YAMAGUCHI-KEN	山口県	Yamaguchi prefecture	[小 small 2KR]

436 KR *Eye looks in the corner for a small **prefecture.***

懸

HANG

KEN	KEN'AN	懸案	an unsettled question	[県 prefecture 436KR]
	ISSHOOKENMEI	一生懸命	with all one's strength	[系 system 801KR]
				[心 heart 61KR]

437 *Prefectural system has hearts **hanging.***

墾

BRING UNDER CULTIVATION [犭 animal 150R]

KON	KAIKON suru	開墾	bring under cultivation	[艮 not good 423]
				[土 earth 15KR]

438 *Clawed animal not good for earth that is **brought under cultivation.***

懇

INTIMACY / FRIENDSHIP [犭 animal 150R]

KON	KON'I na	懇意な	intimate / friendly / familiar / close	[艮 not good 423]
nengo.	nengo.ro na	懇ろな	kind / friendly / cordial / warm	[心 heart 61KR]

439 *Clawed animal not good for the heart or for **intimacy & friendship** either.*

境 鏡 。然 燃 。畜 蓄

竟	**FINISHED**			[音 sound 1488KR]
	440 NJY *Sound with legs means you are **finished.***			[儿 legs 302R]

境	**BOUNDARY / BORDER / FRONTIER**			[土 earth 15KR]
KYOO	KYOOKAI	境界	a boundary / border / frontier	[竟 finished 440NJY]
KEI	KEIDAI	境内	precincts / grounds (of a temple or shrine)	
sakai	sakai	境	a boundary / border / the frontier	
	441 *Earth is finished at the **boundary.***			
鏡	**1. MIRROR 2. OPTICAL INSTRUMENT**			[金 metal 10KR]
KYOO	BOOENKYOO	望遠鏡	a telescope	[竟 finished 440NJY]
	KENBIKYOO	顕微鏡	a microscope	
kagami	kagami	鏡	a mirror	
	442 *Metal is finished and is now a **mirror.*** Mirrors were first made from highly polished bronze- hence 金 in this compound.			

然	**AS IT SHOULD BE / DULY**			[月 body 144R]
ZEN	TOOZEN	当然	as a matter of course / naturally	[犬 dog 89KR]
	SHIZEN	自然	nature	[灬 fire 402R]
NEN	TENNEN no	天然の	natural / spontaneous	
	443 KR *Body of a dog roasting over a fire is just **as it should be.***			
燃	**BURN**			
NEN	NENRYOO	燃料	fuel	[火 fire 18KR]
mo.	mo.eru	燃える	something burns / is on fire	[然 as it should 443KR]
	mo.yasu	燃やす	burn / kindle / light (a fire)	
	444 *Fire, as it should, **burns.*** (Note the difference between fire 18KR and fire 402R.)			

畜	**LIVESTOCK**			
CHIKU	CHIKUSAN	畜産	livestock raising / stock breeding	[玄 mysterious 255KR]
	CHIKUSHOO	畜生	Damn! (an expletive in Japanese)	[田 field 16KR]
	445 KR Mysterious *field for **livestock.***			
蓄	**STORE / SAVE UP / ACCUMULATE**			[艹 plant 99R]
CHIKU	CHOCHIKU suru	貯蓄	store / save up / hoard	[畜 livestock 445KR]
	446 *Plants for livestock are **stored** (in the barn).*			

荒 慌 。祭 際 。察擦

荒

ROUGH / WILD / VIOLENT

KOO	KOOHAI	荒廃	desolation / devastation / ruin	[艹 plant 99R]
a.	a.reru	荒れる	fall to ruin // be rough / stormy	[亡 dead 82]
	a.rasu	荒らす	devastate / lay waste / rob / plunder	[川 river 19KR]
ara.	ara.i	荒い	rough / wild / violent / rude	

447 KR *Plants are dead in that river because it's **rough, wild** & **violent.***

慌

BE FLUSTERED

KOO	KYOOKOO	恐慌	a panic / consternation	[忄 feelings 133R]
awa.	awa.teru	慌てる	be flustered / confused	[慌 rough 447KR]
	awate mono	慌て者	a scatterbrain	

448 *Feelings rough - I'm **flustered.***

祭

FESTIVAL / WORSHIP [月 body 144R]

SAI	SAIJITSU	祭日	a festival day // national holiday	[又 hand 295R]
matsu.	matsu.ru	祭る	deify / enshrine / worship	[示 show (altar) 36KR]
	matsu.ri	祭り	a festival	

449 KR *Body (i.e. an animal sacrifice) in hand is placed on an altar during the **festival.***

際

1. AT THE TIME WHEN 2. EDGE

SAI	SAI	際	at the time when / when	[阝 hill 185R]
	KOKUSAI	国際	international	[祭 festival 449KR]
kiwa	kiwa	際	edge / brink / side	

450 *Hill festival held **at the time when** things were on the **edge.***

察

JUDGE / UNDERSTAND / SURMISE

SATSU	KEISATSU	警察	the police	[宀 house 107R]
				[祭 festival 449KR]

451 KR *House festival was **judged.***

擦

RUB / CHAFE / FILE

SATSU	MASATSU	摩擦	friction	[扌 hand 122R]
su.	su.reru	擦れる	something rubs / chafes / wears out	[察 judge 451KR]
	su.ru	擦る	rub / file // strike (a match)	

452 *Hand judges then **rubs.***

雇 顧 。 制 製 。 逓

頁

FOREHEAD

453 R *Derived from a pictograph of an exaggerated head, and called* ***forehead*** *to distinguish it from* 首 *head 88KR which is of the same origin.*

雇

EMPLOY / HIRE

KO	KOYOO	雇用	employment	[戸 door 41KR]
yato.	yato.u	雇う	employ / hire // charter (a boat)	[隹 bird 267R]

454 KR *Door bird is* ***employed-*** / ***hired*** *her.*

顧

LOOK BACK

KO	KAIKO	回顧	recollection / retrospection	[雇 employ 454KR]
kaeri.	kaeri.miru	顧みる	look back on / reflect upon	[頁 forehead 453R]

455 *Employ the forehead to* ***look back.***

制

1. SYSTEM 2. CONTROL / REGULATE

SEI	SEIDO	制度	a system	[牛 cow 90KR]
	SEISHI suru	制止	restrain / check / hold back	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
				[刂 knife 163R]

456 KR *Cow in cloth was knifed in a* ***system*** *out of* ***control.***

製

MANUFACTURE / MAKE / PRODUCE

SEI	SEIZOO suru	製造	manufacture / make / produce	[制 system 456KR]
	NIHONSEI	日本製	Made in Japan	[衣 clothing 265KR]

457 *System for clothing* ***manufacture.***

逓

IN SEQUENCE [辶 movement 178R]

TEI	TEIGEN	逓減	a gradual diminution	[犭 shield 240E]
	TEIZOO	逓増	a gradual increase	[二 two 38KR]
				[巾 cloth 120NJY]

458 *Movement of shield and two cloths is* ***in sequence.*** A structural orphan.

憂　優　。　暴　爆

UPTURNED FOOT

夂

459 R *From a pictograph of a left foot 冂 turned upside down.* Upturned foot in compounds can convey abnormal progress, stop and start, go and stop, come down from above and stop, and go slowly.

憂

1. WORRY / ANXIETY　2. GRIEF / DISTRESS　3. GLOOM

YUU	YUUSHOKU	憂色	a worried look / a melancholy air	
	YUUSHUU	憂愁	gloom / melancholy	[頁 forehead 453R]
ure.	ure.eru	憂える	be worried about / be anxious	[冖 cover 247R]
			// grieve / be distressed	[心 heart 61KR]
	ure.i	憂い	worry / anxiety // grief / distress	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
u.	u.i	憂い	gloomy / unhappy	

460 KR *Forehead, covered heart and upturned foot convey **worry, grief & gloom**.* Here, upturned foot conveys the slow, gloomy movement of a melancholy person.

優

1. EXCEL　2. GENTLE

YUU	YUUSHUU na	優秀な	excellent / superior / distinguished	[亻 person 154R]
yasa.	yasa.shii	優しい	gentle / tender // kindhearted	[憂 worry 460KR]

461 *Person who worries will **excel** because she is **gentle.***

暴

1. ACT VIOLENTLY　2. EXPOSE

BOO	RANBOO na	乱暴な	violent / unruly / lawless	[日 sun 57KR]
BAKU	BAKURO suru	暴露	expose / lay bare / bring to light	[共 together 32KR]
aba.	aba.reru	暴れる	act violently	[水 water 67KR]
	aba.ku	暴く	expose / disclose / bring to light	

462 KR *Sun together with water **acts violently** and **exposes** everything.*

爆

EXPLODE

BAKU	BAKUHATSU	爆発	an explosion	[火 fire 18KR]
	BAKUDAN	爆弾	a bomb	[暴 act violently 462KR]

463 *Fire acts violently and **explodes!***

紫 雌。象 像。夏 寡

紫

PURPLE

SHI	SHIGAISEN	紫外線	ultraviolet rays	[止 stop 3KR]
murasaki	murasaki	紫	purple	[ヒ seated pers 121R]
				[糸 thread 78KR]

464 *Stop by seated person with threads that are* ***purple.***

雌

FEMALE

SHI	SHIYUU	雌雄	gender	[止 stop 3KR]
mesu	mesu	雌	a female	[ヒ seated pers 121R]
me	meushi	雌牛	a cow	[隹 bird 267R]

465 *Stop by seated person with a bird- it's a* ***female.*** (Or, SHI's a female if you are really into mnemonics).

象

1. ELEPHANT 2. IMAGE / SHAPE

ZOO	ZOO	象	an elephant	[夕 trunk]
	ZOOGE	象牙	ivory	[凹 big ears]
SHOO	INSHOO	印象	an impression	[豕 pig 867NJY]

466 KR *Trunk and big ears on a simple pig make it look like an* ***elephant*** *or its* ***image.***

像

STATUE / IMAGE [亻 person 154R]

ZOO	BUTSUZOO	仏像	a statue (image) of Buddha	[象 elephant 466KR]
	SOOZOO	想像	imagination	

467 *Person with an elephant- can a* ***statue*** *capture their* ***image****?*

夏

SUMMER

KA	KAKI	夏期	the summer period / summer time	
natsu	natsu	夏	summer	[頁 forehead 453R]
				[夊 upturned foot 459R]

468 *Simple forehead and upturned foot in* ***summer.***

寡

1. WIDOWED / ALONE 2. FEW / MINIMUM

KA	KAFU	寡婦	a widow	[宀 house 107R]
	KABUN	寡聞	little knowledge / ill-informed	[頁 forehead 453R]
	KAMOKU	寡黙	silent / taciturn / reticent	[分 divide 1104KR]

469 *House with a forehead that is divided belongs to a* ***widow*** *with* ***few*** *(resources).*

焦 礁 。 善 繕 。 揺 謡

焦

1. SCORCH / SINGE 2. YEARNING 3. IMPATIENCE

SHOO	SHOODO	焦土	scorched earth	[隹 bird 267R]
ko.	ko.geru	焦げる	get scorched (singed) / be charred	[灬 fire 402R]
	ko.gareru	焦がれる	yearn after / pine for	
ase.	ase.ru	焦る	be impatient / be in a hurry	

470 KR *Bird in the fire gets **scorched** and I **yearn** with **impatience** for it to be done.*

礁

REEF

SHOO	ANSHOO	暗礁	a hidden reef / sunken rock / snag	[石 stone 30KR]
	GANSHOO	岩礁	a reef // a cay	[焦 scorched 470KR]

471 *Stone is scorched on the **reef.***

善

GOOD [羊 sheep 193KR]

ZEN	ZEN'I	善意	good intentions / good faith	[立 stand up 25KR]
yo.	yo.i	善い	good	[口 mouth 85KR]

472 KR *Sheep that stands up with an open mouth is **good.***

繕

REPAIR / MEND [糸 thread 78KR]

ZEN	SHUUZEN	修繕	repairs / mending	[善 good 472KR]
tsukuro.	tsukuro.u	繕う	repair / mend / patch up	

473 *Thread is good for **repairs** & **mending.***

揺

1. SHAKE 2. BE UNSETTLED / AGITATED

YOO	DOOYOO suru	動揺	shake / pitch / roll / tremble / jolt // be unsettled / agitated	
yu.	yu.reru	揺れる	shake / pitch / roll / sway / swing	
	yu.ragu	揺らぐ	"	[扌 hand 122R]
	yu.rugu	揺るぐ	"	[⺈ hand re down 340E]

474 *Hand and hand reaching down for a can that is **shaking.*** [缶 can 14KR]

謡

1. SONG 2. NOH CHANT

YOO	MIN'YOO	民謡	folk song	
	DOOYOO	童謡	children's song	[言 word 35KR]
	YOOKYOKU	謡曲	Noh chant	[揺 shake 474]
utai	utai	謡	Noh chanting	
uta.	uta.u	謡う	sing / chant	

475 *Words shake during a **song** or **Noh chant.*** Note that shake is handless in 謡.

喚 換 。 謄 騰 ~ 勝

勹	**BENDING PERSON** **476** E *Stick figure of a* ***bending person.***
奐	**CHILDBIRTH** **477** CO *Pictograph of a woman bending over* 勹 *with spread thighs* 冂 *in* ***childbirth.*** Earlier versions show a pair of hands 廾 assisting the birth. For mnemonic purpose it may be helpful to imagine that the child being delivered is big 大 1KR.

喚

1. SHOUT / SCREAM / YELL 2. CALL

KAN	KYOOKAN	叫喚	a shout / scream	[口 mouth 85KR]
	SHOOKAN	召喚	a summons	[v.s. childbirth 477CO]

478 *Mouth during childbirth* ***shouts, screams*** *&* ***yells.***

換

EXCHANGE (A FOR B) [扌 hand 122R]

KAN	KANKI	換気	ventillation	[v.s. childbirth 477CO]
	KOOKAN	交換	an exchange (interchange) / barter	
ka.	ka.eru	換える	exchange / change (currency) // substitute / replace	

479 *Hand during childbirth* ***exchanges***. The object of the exchange is of course the baby.

謄

COPY

TOO	TOOHON	謄本	a certified copy / transcript	[朕 we (our) royal 1581]
	TOOSHA	謄写	a copy / transcription / duplicate	[言 word 35KR]

480 *Our royal words are* ***copied.*** Note variant of 朕.

騰

RISE (IN PRICES)

TOO	KOOTOO	高騰	a sudden rise (in prices) / a jump	[朕 we (our) royal 1581]

481 *Our royal horse* ***rises*** *in price.* [馬 horse 92KR]

勝

1. WIN 2. BE SUPERIOR TO

SHOO	SHOORI	勝利	victory	[朕 we (our) royal 1581]
ka.	ka.tsu	勝つ	win // be superior to	[力 power 17KR]
masa.	masa.ru	勝る	be superior / surpass	

481b *Our royal power power will* ***win*** *because it is* ***superior.***

従　縦　。　僕　撲

彳	**GO** **482** R *The radical is the left hand portion of the kanji 行 go 4KR.*
美	**SHORT BEAUTY** **483** E *For mnemonic purpose, this element can be thought of as the short variant of 美 beautiful 1201.*
凵	**HOLLOW** **484** E *Pictograph of a hill with a **hollow** crown, likely depicting an extinct volcano.*

従

1. OBEY / COMPLY WITH　2. FOLLOW / ACCOMPANY　[彳 go 482R]

JUU	FUKUJUU	服従	obedience / submission	[亠 out of 278E]
	MOOJUU	盲従	blind obedience	[正 correct1012KR]
shitaga.	shitaga.u	従う	obey / comply with // follow / accompany	
	shitaga.eru	従える	be accompanied by // conquer / subjugate / master (a language)	

485 KR *Go out of correctness- **obey** and **follow.***

縦

1. VERTICAL　2. LENGTH　[糸 thread 78KR]

JUU	JUUSEN	縦線	a vertical line	[従 obey 485KR]
tate	tate	縦	length	

486 *Threads that obey are **vertical** and have **length.***

僕

1. I (IN MASCULINE SPEACH)　2. MANSERVANT

BOKU	BOKU	僕	I	[亻 person 154R]
	BOKURA	僕ら	we	[凵 hollow 484E]
	KOOBOKU	公僕	a public servant	[v.s. short beauty 483E]

487 *Person in the hollow with a short beauty is my **manservant, I** think.*

撲

HIT / STRIKE

BOKU	DABOKU	打撲	a hit / a blow	[扌 hand 122R]
	DABOKUSHOO	打撲傷	a bruise	[凵 hollow 484E]
	sumo*	相撲	sumo wrestling	[v.s. short beauty 483E]

488 *Hand in the hollow with a short beauty may result in a **hit.***

橋 矯。壊 懐。禁 襟

橋

BRIDGE [木 tree70KR]

KYOO	TEKKYOO	鉄橋	iron bridge / railway bridge	[ノ emphatically 138E]
hashi	hashi	橋	a bridge	[大 big 1]

489 *Tree is emphatically big & tall- it will make a good* ***bridge.*** [高 tall 216KR]

矯

STRAIGHTEN / CORRECT [矢 arrow 80]

KYOO	KYOOSEI suru	矯正	correct / reform / rectify / set right	[ノ emphatically 138E
ta.	ta.meru	矯める	straighten // correct // bend / twist	[大 big 1]
				[高 tall 216KR]

490 *Arrow is emphatically big & tall-* ***straighten*** *and* ***correct*** *it.*

壊

BREAK / SMASH / DESTROY

KAI	KAIMETSU	壊滅	destruction / annihilation	[土 earth 15KR]
kowa.	kowa.reru	壊れる	be broken / smashed / wrecked	[十 ten 52]
	kowa.su	壊す	break / smash / destroy / ruin	[目 eye 86KR]

491 *Earth(y) ten-eyed clothing will* ***break*** *(tradition).* [衣 clothing 265KR]

懐

1. POCKET 2. BREAST / BOSOM 3. YEARN FOR 4. WIN OVER / TAME

KAI	KAICHUU-	懐中	pocket- (watch, flashlight, diary)	
futokoro	futokoro	懐	the breast // one's pocket / purse	[忄 feelings 133R]
natsu.	natsu.kashigaru	懐かしがる	yearn / pine / long for	[十 ten 52]
	natsu.kashimu	懐かしむ	look back with nostalgia on	[目 eye 86KR]
	natsu.kashii	懐かしい	dear / longed for	[衣 clothing 265KR]
	natsu.keru	懐ける	win over / tame	

492 *Feelings about ten-eyed clothing: my* ***breast pocket yearns*** *to be* ***won over.***

禁

PROHIBITION

KIN	KIN'EN	禁煙	No Smoking	[林 forest 1468KR]
	KINSHI	禁止	prohibition / a ban / an embargo	[示 show 36KR]

493 KR *Forest show is* ***prohibited.***

襟

NECK / COLLAR

KIN	KAIKIN shatsu	開襟シャツ	an open-necked shirt	
eri	eri	襟	a neck / collar / lapel	[衣 clothing 265KR]
	erimaki	襟巻き	a scarf / muffler	[禁 prohibition 493 KR]

494 *Clothing that is prohibited is a* ***collar*** *around the* ***neck.***

我 餓 。 渓 鶏 。 慢 漫

我

ME / MYSELF / I / OUR

GA	GA	我	self / self-will / ego	
ware	wareware	我々	we / our	[我 tass halberd 420R]
wa.	wa.ga	我が	my / one's own / our	
	waga mama	我がまま	selfishness	

495 KR *Tasseled halberd is **me, myself** and **I.***

餓

STARVE

GA	GASHI	餓死	starving to death	[食 food 804KR]
				[我 me 495 KR]

496 *Food for me because I am **starving.***

渓

VALLEY [氵 water 101R]

KEI	KEIKOKU	渓谷	a ravine / gorge / valley	[爪 hand re down 340E]
				[夫 man 635KR]

497 *Water (rages) as hand reaches down to man in **valley**.*

鶏

CHICKEN / HEN / ROOSTER

KEI	KEI'NIKU	鶏肉	chicken / fowl	[爪 hand re down 340E]
	KEISHA	鶏舎	a chicken coop	[夫 man 635KR]
niwatori	niwatori	鶏	a chicken / hen / rooster	[鳥 bird 93KR]

498 *Hand reaches down to a man with a bird- it's a **chicken.***

慢

1. NEGLECT / BE LAZY 2. BOAST [忄 feelings 133R]

MAN	TAIMAN na	怠慢な	negligent / neglectful / careless	[日 sun 57KR]
	GAMAN suru	我慢	bear / endure / put up with	[目 eye 86KR]
	JIMAN suru	自慢	boast / brag / be vain	[又 hand 295R]

499 *Feelings and sun get in your eye when your hand is **neglectful** & **boasts.***

漫

AIMLESS / RANDOM [氵 water 101R]

MAN	MANGA	漫画	cartoon / comic	[日 sun 57KR]
	MANDAN	漫談	idle chat // a comic monologue	[目 eye 86KR]
	SANMAN na	散漫な	diffuse / loose / vague / desultory	[又 hand 295R]

500 *Water and sun get in your eye when your hand is **aimless** & **random.***

農 濃 。 参 惨 。 弁

辰	**CLAM SHELL** **501** E *From a pictograph of a clam.* **Clam shells** were once used as cutting tools. In some compounds, this element conveys 'cut' while in others 'swing', from the swinging motion of cutting grain with a scythe.
厶	**NOSE** **502** E *Looks like an angular* ***nose.*** *Stands for 'self' in many compounds.*

農

NOO

FARMING

NOOGYOO	農業	farming / agriculture	[曲 bend 75]

503 KR *Bend with a clamshell-that's* ***farming.*** [v.s. clam shell 501E]

濃

NOO
ko.

THICK / RICH

NOOKOO na	濃厚な	thick / dense / rich / heavy	[氵 water 101R]
ko.i	濃い	dark / thick / heavy (colours, liquids)	[農 farming 503KR]

504 *Water for farming makes everything grow* ***thick*** *&* ***rich.***

参

SAN
mai.

1. GO / COME / VISIT 2. BE DEFEATED 3. THREE (IN DOCUMENTS)

SANKOOSHO	参考書	a reference book
mai.ru	参る	go / come / visit (a shrine or temple) // be beaten (defeated) / give in / be at a loss / be dumbfounded // be madly in love

505 KR *Nose is big and hairy so when I* ***go, come*** *or* ***visit*** *I am* ***defeated three*** *times.*

惨

SAN
ZAN
miji.

1. MISERABLE / WRETCHED 2. CRUEL [忄 feelings 133R]

SANJI	惨事	a terrible accident / disaster / tragedy	[厶 nose 502E]
ZANSHI	惨死	a violent (tragic) death	[大 big 1]
miji.me na	惨めな	miserable / wretched / pitiable	[彡 hair 342CO]
mugo.i*	惨い	cruel / brutal / merciless	

506 *Feelings that my nose is big and hairy make me* ***miserable*** *&* ***wretched*** *it's so* ***cruel.***

弁

BEN

1. DIALECT / ACCENT / SPEACH 2. PETAL 3. VALVE

BEN	弁	a petal // a valve	[厶 nose 502E]
KANSAIBEN	関西弁	Kansai dialect (accent)	[廾 two hands 356]
BENTOO	弁当	a box lunch	

507 *Nose in two hands makes me speak with a* ***dialect*** *when I say* ***petal*** *or* ***valve.***

秋 愁。卒 率。将 奨

秋

AUTUMN

SHUU	SHUUBUN	秋分	autumn equinox	[禾 rice plant 213R]
aki	aki	秋	autumn / fall	[火 fire 18KR]

508 KR *Rice plants in the fire in **autumn.***

愁

GRIEF / SADNESS

SHUU	SHUUSHOO	愁傷	grief / deep sorrow	[秋 autumn 508KR] [心 heart 61KR]

509 *Autumn heart is filled with **grief** and **sadness.***

卒

1. SOLDIER 2. END

SOTSU	HEISOTSU	兵卒	a soldier	[亠 twisting dev 254E]
	SOTSUGYOO	卒業	graduation	[人 person 94KR]

510 *Double twisting device applied to two persons who are **soldiers.** It's their **end.***

率

1. COMMAND / LEAD 2. RATE / PROPORTION

SOTSU	TOOSOTSU suru	統率	command / lead	[亠 twisting dev 254E]
RITSU	ZEIRITSU	税率	the tax rate / tariff	[冖 four bits]
hiki.	hiki.iru	率いる	command / lead / be at the head of	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]

511 *Double twisting device applied to four bits of short thread at a **commanding rate.***

将

1. COMMANDER / GENERAL 2. SOON / ABOUT TO [爿 bed 329E]

SHOO	SHOOGUN	将軍	shogun	[冖 hand re down 340E]
	SHOORAI	将来	the future	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

512 KR *Bed, hand reaching down and a skilful hand serve the **commander** who **soon** is **about to** become (shogun).*

奨

ENCOURAGE

SHOO	SHOOGAKUKIN	奨学金	a scholarship	[将 commander 512KR]
	SHOOREI	奨励	encouragement	[大 big 1KR]

513 *Commander who is big **encourages.***

足促。定錠。受授

促

SOKU

unaga.

1. URGE / PRESS 2. ACCELERATE / STIMULATE [亻 person 154R]

SAISOKU suru	催促	urge / press (a person for money)	[足 foot 34KR]
SOKUSHIN suru	促進	accelerate / stimulate / promote	
unaga.su	促す	urge / press // accelerate / stimulate	

514 *Person uses his foot to **urge** & **acccelerate**.* Note that 足 is repeated in the top line to emphasize sound-structure relations.

定

TEI

JOO

sada.

FIXED / ESTABLISHED / DECIDED

TEISHOKU	定食	a fixed-menu meal / a complete meal	[宀 house 107R]
TEIKI no	定期の	fixed / regular / periodical	[正 correct 1012KR]
JOOGI	定規	a ruler / a T-square	
sada.maru	定まる	be decided / determined / settled / fixed	
sada.meru	定める	establish / fix / decide upon / settle	

515 KR *House is correct- it is **fixed** & **established** as **decided**.* Note variant of 正 .

錠

JOO

1. LOCK 2. PILL

JOOmae	錠前	a lock	[金 metal 10KR]
JOOZAI	錠剤	a pill / tablet	[定 fixed 515KR]

516 *Metal that's fixed is a **lock** that looks like a **pill.***

受

JU

u.

RECEIVE

JUKEN suru	受験	take (sit for) an examination	
u.keru	受ける	receive // catch (a ball) // undergo (an operation) // take (an examination) // suffer a loss	
uketsuke	受付	a receipt // a receptionist	[爫 hand re down 340E]
u.karu	受かる	pass (an examination)	[冖 cover 247R]

517 KR *Hand reaching down covers hand that **receives.*** [又 hand 295R]

授

JU

sazu.

1. GIVE / GRANT / CONFER 2. TEACH / INSTRUCT

JUYO suru	授与	confer (a degree) / award (a medal) / present	
JUGYOO	授業	teaching / instruction / lessons	
KYOOJU	教授	teaching / instruction // a professor	[扌 hand 122R]
sazu.karu	授かる	be given / granted // be taught	[受 receive 517KR]
sazu.keru	授ける	give / grant / confer // teach / instruct	

518 *Hand that receives also **gives**, **grants**, **confers** & **teaches.*** Remember, it takes an extra hand to give and to teach.

伐 閥。卑 碑。脳 悩

伐

BATSU

1. ATTACK 2. CUT DOWN

SEIBATSU suru	征伐	conquer / punish / exterminate	[亻 person 154R]
RANBATSU	乱伐	reckless deforestation / overcutting	[戈 lance 419R]

519 KR *Person with a lance **attacks** and **cuts down.***

閥

BATSU

1. CLIQUE / FACTION 2. CLAN / LINEAGE

ZAIBATSU	財閥	'zaibatsu' / a financial clique	[門 gate 145KR]
MONBATSU	門閥	lineage / a distinguished (good) family	[伐 attack 519KR]

520 *Gate attacked by rival **clique** from another **clan.***

卑

HI

iya.

1. DESPISE / LOOK DOWN ON 2. LOW / HUMBLE 3. VULGAR / COARSE

HIRETSU na	卑劣な	mean / base / cowardly / low-down	
HIZOKU	卑俗な	vulgar / coarse / low	[ノ emphatically 138E]
iya.shimu	卑しむ	despise / look down on	[田 field 16KR]
iya.shii	卑しい	low / humble (birth) // mean / vulgar	[十 ten 52KR]

521 KR *Emphatically that field is emphatically ten times **despised** because it is **low** & **vulgar**.*

碑

HI

TOMBSTONE / MONUMENT

BOHI	墓碑	a tombstone / gravestone	[石 stone 30KR]
SEKIHI	石碑	a tombstone / a stone monument	[卑 despise 521KR]

522 *Stone that is despised is a **tombstone** or **monument.***

脳

NOO

BRAIN

NOO	脳	the brain / brains	[月 body part 144R]
ZUNOO	頭脳	brains / intelligence	[宀 light 918E]

523 *Body part that sheds light on evil is the **brain.*** [凶 evil 974KR]

悩

NOO
naya.

1. SUFFER / BE AFFLICTED 2. WORRY / BE DISTRESSED

KUNOO	苦悩	suffering / agony / distress / anguish	
naya.mu	悩む	suffer from / be afflicted // worry	[忄 feelings 133R]
naya.masu	悩ます	afflict / torment / harass / plague / worry / trouble / annoy	[宀 light 918E] [凶 evil 974KR]
naya.mashii	悩ましい	alluring / teasing / seductive	

524 *Feelings about light on evil cause me to **suffer** & **worry.***

貞 偵。安 案。婿

貞

TEI

CHASTITY / VIRTUE

TEISOO	貞操	chastity / virtue / honour / faithfulness	[ト divine 653NJY]
TEISETSU	貞節	fidelity / chastity / virtue	[貝 money 91KR]

525 KR *Divine money- but is there **chastity** & **virtue**?*

偵

TEI

SPY

TEISATSU	偵察	reconnaissance	[亻 person 154R]
TANTEI	探偵	a detective	[貞 chastity 525KR]

526 *Person who is chaste & virtuous makes a good **spy**.*

安

AN

yasu.

1. PEACE / SECURITY 2. CHEAP

ANSHIN	安心	peace of mind / relief // security // trust	
ANZEN	安全	safety / security	[宀 house 107R]
yasu.i	安い	cheap / low-priced	[女 woman 96KR]
yasumono	安物	a cheap item	

527 KR *House with a woman is **peaceful** & **cheap.***

案

AN

PLAN / PROPOSAL

ANGAI	案外	unexpected / contrary to expectations	
ANNAI suru	案内	guide / lead the way // invite // notify	[安 peace 527KR]
MEIAN	名案	a good idea	[木 tree 70KR]
TEIAN	提案	a proposal / proposition / suggestion	

528 *Peace on top of a tree- that's the **plan** & **proposal.***

婿

SEI
muko

SON-IN-LAW / BRIDEGROOM

JOSEI	女婿	a son-in-law	[女 woman 96KR]
muko	婿	a son-in-law / a bridegroom	[正 correct 1012KR]
hanamuko	花婿	a bridegroom	[月 body 144R]
mukoerabi	婿選び	looking for a husband for one's daughter	

529 *Woman with correct body seeks a **bridegroom** & **son-in-law**.*

冒 帽。唱 晶。旬 殉

冒

1. RISK / DARE 2. DESECRATE 3. ATTACK

BOO	BOOKEN	冒険	an adventure / risk / hazard	[日 sun 57KR]
	BOOTOKU	冒とく	blasphemy / sacrilege / defilement	[目 eye 86KR]
	KANBOO	感冒	a cold / the flu	
oka.	oka.su	冒す	risk / dare / defy (danger) // attack	

530 KR *Sun in eyes- **risk** it and **dare** to **desecrate** & **attack**.*

帽

CAP / HAT / HEADGEAR

BOO	BOOSHI	帽子	a cap / hat	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
	UCHUUBOO	宇宙帽	a space helmet	[日 sun 57KR]

531 *Cloth item to keep sun from eyes is a **cap.***

唱

1. CHANT / RECITE 2. ADVOCATE 3. SHOUT / CRY OUT

SHOO	DOKUSHOO	独唱	a vocal solo	
	GASSHOO	合唱	a chorus	[口 mouth 85KR]
	TEISHOO suru	提唱	advocate / advance / bring forward	[日 sun 57KR]
tona.	tona.eru	唱える	chant / recite // advocate // shout / cry out	

532 *Mouth (as bright & intense) as two suns **chants, advocates** & **shouts**.*

晶

CRYSTAL

SHOO	SUISHOO	水晶	crystal / quartz	[日 sun 57KR]
	KESSHOO	結晶	crystallization	

533 *Three suns as bright as **crystal.***

旬

A 10-DAY PERIOD

JUN	JOOJUN	上旬	1st 10 days of a month (1st-10th)	[勹 wrap 192R]
	CHUUJUN	中旬	2nd 10 days of a month (11th-20th)	[日 sun (day) 57KR]
	GEJUN	下旬	last third of a month (21st-end)	

534 KR *Wrap sun (days) into **10-day periods.***

殉

LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE [歹 bare bones 367E]

JUN	JUNKOKU	殉国	dying for one's country	[旬 10-day per 534KR]
	JUNSHOKU	殉職	dying in the line of duty	

535 *Bare bones in a 10-day period after **laying down one's life.***

乗 剰 。 表 俵 。 忍 認

乗

1. RIDE / GET ON BOARD 2. CARRY / LOAD 3. MULTIPLY 4. DECEIVE

JOO	JOOSHA suru	乗車	take / board / get on (a bus, train)	
	JOOjiru	乗じる	multiply (2x4) // take advantage of	[車 vehicle 40KR]
no.	no.ru	乗る	ride / take / board / get on // be fooled	[木 tree 70KR]
	no.seru	乗せる	carry / take on board / load // deceive	

536 KR *Rickety vehicle up a tree- how can I **ride** or even **get on board**? What does it **carry**, does it **multiply** and am I **deceived**?* Think of the rickety vehicle element as a variant of 車 . See 垂 838KR.

剰

SURPLUS

JOO	JOOYO	剰余	a surplus	[乗 ride 536KR]
	KAJOO	過剰	a surplus / an excess	[リ knife 163R]

537 *Ride with a knife and cut away the **surplus**.*

表

1. LIST / SCHEDULE / TABLE 2. SURFACE 3. EXPRESS

HYOO	JIKANHYOO	時間表	a timetable / a schedule	
	HYOOMEN	表面	the surface / face / exterior / outside	[主 growing plant 389E]
omote	omote	表	the surface / face / exterior / outside	[衣 clothing 265KR]
arawa.	arawa.reru	表れる	be expressed / show itself	
	arawa.su	表す	express (in words)	

538 KR *Growing plant and clothing are on the **list**, **expressed** on its **surface**.*

俵

STRAW SACK / BAG

HYOO	IPPYOO	一俵	one bag	[亻 person 154R]
	DOHYOO	土俵	a sand bag // a sumo ring	[表 list 538KR]
tawara	tawara	俵	a straw sack / bag	

539 *Person with a list has a **straw sack**.*

忍

1. ENDURE / BEAR 2. LIE HIDDEN [刃 blade 8KR]

NIN	NINTAI	忍耐	patience / perseverance / endurance	[心 heart 61KR]
	NINJA	忍者	a 'ninja'	
shino.	shino.bu	忍ぶ	endure / bear / stand / put up with // conceal oneself	

540 KR *Blade in the heart- you must **endure** & **bear it** while you **lie hidden.***

認

1. SEE / NOTICE 2. RECOGNIZE 3. APPROVE / CONCLUDE / JUDGE

NIN	NINSHIKI	認識	recognition / understanding	
	NINKA	認可	approval / permission / authorization	[言 word 35KR]
mito.	mito.meru	認める	see / notice / observe // recognize / acknowledge // conclude / judge	[忍 endure 540KR]

541 *Words that are endured let you **see**, **recognize** and **approve**.*

偏 編 遍 。 蔵 臓

扁

DOORPLATE

542 NJY *Composed of* 戸 *door 41KR and* 冊 *volume / book 24 to indicate a* ***doorplate.*** Since doorplates are usually found on one side of a door, the character in some compounds conveys the idea of one-sided, bias or partiality.

偏

HEN

1. INCLINE / LEAN 2. BE ONE-SIDED / BIASED

HEN	偏	the left hand radical of a kanji	[亻 person 154R]
HENsuru	偏する	be one-sided / be partial	[*v.s.* doorplate 542NJY]
HENKEN	偏見	prejudice / bias	
HENSHOKU	偏食	an unbalanced diet	

543 *Person with a doorplate is* ***inclined*** *to be* ***one-sided*** *&* ***biased****.*

編

HEN

a.

1. EDIT 2. CHAPTER / VOLUME 3. KNIT

HENSHUU	編集	editing	[糸 thread 78KR]
HEN	編	a chapter / volume	[*v.s.* doorplate 542NJY]
a.mu	編む	knit // edit	

544 *Thread is on the doorplate because I am* ***editing*** *a* ***chapter*** *on* ***knitting****.*

遍

HEN

WIDESPREAD / GENERAL

HENZAI	偏在	ubiquity / omnipresence	[辶 movement 178R]
HENRO	遍路	a pilgrim	[*v.s.* doorplate 542NJY]

545 *Movement to doorplates is* ***widespread****.*

蔵

ZOO

kura

STOREHOUSE / WAREHOUSE / REPOSITORY

ZOOSHO	蔵書	a collection of books / library	[艹 plant 99R]
REIZOOKO	冷蔵庫	a refrigerator	[臣 retainer 65KR]
ookuraSHOO	大蔵省	the Ministry of Finance / Treasury Dept	[戊 halberd 420R]

546 KR *Plants and retainer with a halberd who guards the* ***storehouse****.*

臓

ZOO

INTERNAL ORGANS

SHINZOO	心臓	the heart (medical term)	[月 body part 144R]
HAIZOO	肺臓	the lungs (medical term)	[蔵 storehouse 546KR]
ZOOKI	臓器	internal organs / the viscera	

547 *Body parts in a storehouse are the* ***internal organs****.*

量 糧 。 曹 槽 遭

旦	**SUNRISE**			[日 sun 57KR]
	548 E *Sun is above the horizon at **sunrise.***			[一 the horizon]

量

1. QUANTITY 2. MEASURE / WEIGH

RYOO	RYOOSAN	量産	mass production	
	TAIRYOO	大量	a large quantity	[旦 sunrise 548E]
	SHOORYOO	少量	a small quantity	[里 village 56KR]
haka.	haka.ru	量る	measure / weigh	

549 KR *At sunrise in the village, the **quantity** of everything is **measures** & **weighed.***

糧

PROVISIONS

RYOO	SHOKURYOO	食糧	provisions / food / rations	[米 rice 72KR]
kate	kate	糧	provisions / food	[量 quantity 549KR]
	hibi no kate	日々の糧	one's daily bread	

550 *Rice in quantity is for **provisions.***

曹

1. **COMPANION / COMRADE 2. SODIUM** [⺾ plant 99R]

SOO	GUNSOO	軍曹	a sergent	[田 field 16KR]
	JUUSOO	重曹	sodium bicarbonate / baking soda	[日 sun 57KR]

551 KR *Plants in the field in the sun are **companions** to **sodium.***

槽

TUB / TANK / VAT

SOO	SUISOO	水槽	a water tank	[木 tree 70KR]
	YOKUSOO	浴槽	a bath tub	[曹 companion 551KR]

552 *Tree may have companions in a **tub.***

遭

ENCOUNTER / COME ACROSS / MEET WITH

SOO	SOOGUU	遭遇	an encounter	[辶 movement 178R]
	SOONAN	遭難	an accident / a disaster	[曹 companion 551KR]

553 *Movement of companions as they **encounter** one another.*

呉 誤 娯 。滋 磁 慈

呉

WU (DYNASTY OF ANCIENT CHINA)

GO	GOFUKU	呉服	kimono fabric / drapery	

554 KR *Depiction of a man with his head tilted back and bragging, used to refer to* ***Wu China.***

誤

1. MISTAKE 2. MIS-

GO	GOKAI	誤解	a misunderstanding	[言 word 35KR]
	GOYAKU	誤訳	a mistranslation	[呉 Wu China 554KR]
ayama.	ayama.ru	誤る	mistake / make a mistake / err	

555 *Words about Wu China are a* ***mistake.***

娯

PLEASURE / AMUSEMENT

GO	GORAKU	娯楽	amusement / entertainment	[女 woman 96KR]
				[呉 Wu China 554KR]

556 *Woman from Wu China gives* ***pleasure*** *&* ***amusement.***

滋

LUXURIANT / RICH

JI	JIYOO	滋養	nourishment	[氵 water 101R]
				[玄 mysterious 255KR]

557 *Water is doubly mysterious because it makes everything* ***luxuriant*** *&* ***rich.***

磁

1. MAGNET 2. PORCELAIN

JI	JISHAKU	磁石	a magnet // a compass	[石 stone 30KR]
	JIKI	磁気	magnetism	[玄 mysterious 255KR]
	JIKI	磁器	porcelain / chinaware	

558 *Stone doubly mysterious because it is a* ***magnet. Porcelain*** *is a borrowed meaning.*

慈

LOVE / AFFECTION

JI	JIAI	慈愛	love / affection	[玄 mysterious 255KR]
	JIU	慈雨	a welcome (fertile) rain	[心 heart 61KR]
	JIZEN	慈善	charity / benevolence	
itsuku.	itsuku.shimu	慈しむ	love / be affectionate towards / treat tenderly	

559 *Doubly mysterious heart has* ***love*** *&* ***affection.***

侵 浸 寝 。 僚 寮 療

BROOM

560 E *Stylized element originally showing a hand holding a* ***broom*** *and conveying the idea of advancing while sweeping. By extension, the element can convey invade, violate and encroach on.*

侵

SHIN
oka.

INVADE / VIOLATE [亻 person 154R]

SHINNYUU	侵入	an invasion	[*v.s.* broom 560E]
oka.su	侵す	invade // violate / infringe / encroach	

561 *Person with a broom* ***invades*** *&* ***violates.***

浸

SHIN
hita.

SOAK / IMMERSE

SHINSUI suru	浸水	be flooded / inundated	[氵 water 101R]
hita.ru	浸る	be soaked in	[*v.s.* broom 560E]
hita.su	浸す	dip / immerse	

562 *Water advances like a broom and* ***soaks*** *everything.*

寝

SHIN
ne.

GO TO BED / SLEEP [宀 house 107R]

SHINSHITSU	寝室	a bedroom	[丬 bed 329E]
ne.ru	寝る	go to bed / sleep // be laid up	[*v.s.* broom 560E]
ne.kasu	寝かす	put to bed	

563 *House with a bed and broom is where I* ***go to bed*** *&* ***sleep****.*

僚

RYOO

1. AN OFFICIAL 2. A COLLEAGUE [亻 person 154R]

KANRYOO	官僚	bureaucracy / a bureaucrat	[大 big 1KR]
DOORYOO	同僚	a colleague	[日 day 57KR]

564 *Person who makes big days out of little ones is an* ***official*** *&* ***colleague.***

寮

RYOO

DORMITORY [丷 out of 278E]

RYOO	寮	a dormitory	[小 little 2KR]
RYOOSEI	寮生	a student living in a dormitory	[宀 house 107R]

565 *House that makes big days out of little ones is a* ***dormitory.***

療

RYOO

MEDICAL TREATMENT / CURE

CHIRYOO	治療	medical treatment / a cure	[疒 sickness 215R]

566 *Sickness that makes big days out of little ones is* ***cured*** *with* ***medical treatment.***

遠 猿 園 。 票 漂 標

囗	**ENCLOSURE** **567** R *Looks like an **enclosure.***	[Name: kunigamae]
袁	**SPACIOUS** **568** CO *Earth enclosing clothing is **spacious.***	[土 earth 15KR] [口 enclosure 567R] [衣 clothing 265KR]

遠

EN too.

FAR / DISTANT

ENPOO	遠方	a great distance / a long way	[辶 movement 178R]
too.i	遠い	far / distant // be hard of hearing	[*v.s.* spacious 568CO]

569 *Movement seems spacious when it is **far** & **distant**.*

猿

EN saru

MONKEY

RUIJIN'EN	類人猿	an anthropoid ape	[犭 animal 150R]
saru	猿	a monkey	[*v.s.* spacious 568CO]

570 *Animal in a spacious (place) is a **monkey.***

園

EN sono

GARDEN / PARK

KOOEN	公園	a park	[口 enclosure 567R]
hanazono	花園	a flower garden	[*v.s.* spacious 568CO]

571 *Enclosure of a spacious (place) is a **garden** or **park.***

票

HYOO

VOTE / BALLOT [西 west 84KR]

TOOHYOO	投票	voting / ballot / the polls	[示 show 36KR]

572 KR *The west shows the **vote.***

漂

HYOO tadayo.

FLOAT / DRIFT ABOUT

HYOORYUU suru	漂流	drift about / be adrift	[氵 water 101R]
tadayo.u	漂う	float / drift / be adrift	[票 vote 572KR]

573 *Water votes to **float.***

標

HYOO

SIGN / MARK / TARGET

DOOHYOO	道標	a signpost / guidepost / milestone	[木 tree 70KR]
MOKUHYOO	目標	a mark / target / goal / aim / objective	[票 vote 572KR]

574 *Tree votes- a **sign** to **mark** the **target**.*

新 薪 親 。家 嫁 稼

新

NEW

SHIN	SHINNEN	新年	the New Year	[立 stand up 25KR]
	SHINBUN	新聞	a newspaper	[木 tree 70KR]
atara.	atara.shii	新しい	new	[斤 ax 76KR]
ara.	ara.ta na	新たな	new	
nii.	Niigata	新潟	Niigata (city, prefecture)	

575 KR *Stand up in a tree with an ax that is **new.***

薪

FIREWOOD

SHIN	SHINTAN	薪炭	firewood & charcoal / fuel	[艹 plant 99R]
takigi	takigi	薪	firewood / fuel	[新 new 575KR]

576 *Plants that are new make poor **firewood.***

親

1. PARENT 2. INTIMACY

SHIN	RYOOSHIN	両親	one's parents	[立 stand up 25KR]
	SHIN'YUU	親友	an intimate (close, good) friend	[木 tree 70KR]
oya	oya	親	a parent	[見 see 1777KR]
shita.	shita.shii	親しい	intimate / familiar / close	

577 *Stand up in a tree to see **intimacy** when one is a **parent.***

家

1. HOUSE 2. EXPERT / SPECIALIST

KA	KAJI	家事	household matters	[宀 house 107R]
	KAZOKU	家族	a family	[豕 pig 867NJY]
	JUUDOOKA	柔道家	a judo expert	
ie	ie	家	a house / household / family	
ya	yanushi	家主	a landlord / the owner of a house	

578 KR *House with a pig is a **house** with an **expert.***

嫁

1. BLAME 2. MARRY 3. A BRIDE [女 woman 96KR]

KA	TENKA suru	転嫁	lay the blame on / impute	[家 house 578KR]
totsu.	totsu.gu	嫁ぐ	marry (a man) / marry into a family	
yome	yome	嫁	a bride / a daughter-in-law	

579 *Woman in the house is to **blame**: she's just **married** and is a new **bride.***

稼

WORK / EARN A LIVING

KA	KAGYOO	稼業	one's trade / occupation	[禾 rice plant 213R]
kase.	kase.gu	稼ぐ	work / earn a living	[家 house 578KR]

580 *Rice (plant) in the house- for this one needs to **work** & **earn a living.***

廷 艇 庭 。噴 憤 墳

壬	**BURDEN** **581** E *An element depicting a spindle upon which thread is wound* 壬 *to convey* ***burden.***	
賁	**RISE UP** **582** E *Ten plants and money* ***rise up.***	[十 ten 52] [艹 plant 99R] [貝 money 91KR]
廷 **TEI**	**COURT** HOOTEI 法廷 a law court **583** KR *Simple movement is a burden at* ***court.***	[廴 simple move 178R] [壬 burden 581E]
艇 **TEI**	**SMALL BOAT** TEIKO 艇庫 a boat house **584** *Boat at court is only a* ***small boat.***	[舟 boat 12KR] [廷 court 583KR]
庭 **TEI** **niwa**	**GARDEN** TEIEN 庭園 a garden KATEI 家庭 home / family / household niwa 庭 a garden / yard **585** *Building and court are in a* ***garden.***	[广 building 186R] [廷 court 583KR]
噴 **FUN** **fu.**	**ERUPT** FUNKA 噴火 an eruption (of a volcano) FUNSUI 噴水 a fountain fu.ku 噴く erupt / spout / gush / emit **586** *Mouth (opening) rises up-* ***erupts, spouts & spews.***	[口 mouth 85KR] [*v.s.* rise up 582E]
憤 **FUN** **ikidoo.**	**RESENT / BE INDIGNANT / BE VERY ANGRY** FUNGAI 憤慨 resentment / indignation ikidoo.ru 憤る resent / be indignant (angry, enraged) **587** *Feelings rise up: I* ***resent*** *it, I'm* ***indignant*** *&* ***very angry.***	[忄 feelings 133R] [*v.s.* rise up 582E]
墳 **FUN**	**BURIAL MOUND / TOMB** KOFUN 古墳 an ancient burial mound / tumulus **588** *Earth rises up where there is a* ***burial mound.***	[土 earth 15KR] [*v.s.* rise up 610E]

操　燥　藻　繰

[口 mouth 85KR]
[木 tree 70KR]

喿

GATHER

589 CO *An ideograph showing three mouths in a tree which in Chinese has the meaning 'birds chirping'. When it is present in a kanji, the element can express **gather** together, sometimes with connotations of lively and intense.*

操

1. MANAGE / OPERATE　2. CHASTITY / FIDELITY / HONOUR

SOO	SOOJUU suru	操縦	manage / operate / control / handle / steer	
	SESSOO	節操	chastity / fidelity / honour	
ayatsu.	ayatsu.ru	操る	manage / operate / control	[扌 hand 122R]
misao	misao	操	chastity / fidelity	[*v.s.* gather 589CO]

590 *Hand gathers things to **manage** them for **chastity.***

燥

DRY

SOO	KANSOO suru	乾燥	dry something	[火 fire 18KR]
	KANSOOKI	乾燥機	a clothes dryer	[*v.s.* gather 589CO]

591 *Fire gathers when fuel is **dry.***

藻

SEAWEED / WATERPLANT

SOO	KAISOO	海藻	seaweed	[艹 plant 99R]
mo	mo	藻	algae / seaweed	[氵 water 101R]
				[*v.s.* gather 589CO]

592 *Plant in water that gathers is **seaweed.***

繰

WIND / REEL

ku.	ku.ru	繰る	wind / reel // turn over (a page)	[糸 thread 78KR]
	kurigoto	繰り言	tedious (tiresome) talk / complaining	[*v.s.* gather 589CO]
	kurikaesu	繰り返す	repeat / do over again	

593 *Thread is gathered by **winding it up.***

官　棺　館　管

BUM

呂

594 E *An element showing a person's backside* 阝*, similar to* 尸 *buttocks 105R but here called* ***bum*** *to distinguish the two. In some kanji,* ***bum*** *conveys the idea of sedentary clerical work done by government officials. A picture may indeed be worth a thousand words!*

官

KAN

1. GOVERNMENT / THE AUTHORITIES　2. AN ORGAN

KANRYOO	官僚	bureaucracy	[宀 house 107R]
KEIKAN	警官	a police officer / policeman	[呂 bum 594E]
KIKAN	器官	an organ (of the body)	

595 KR *House with bums is where the* ***government*** *and* ***authorities*** *with* ***organs*** *are.*
The radical 宀 is better understood here as 'building'.

棺

KAN

COFFIN

KAN	棺	a coffin / casket	[木 tree 70KR]
KAN'oke	棺おけ	a coffin / casket	[官 government 595KR]

596 *Tree sanctioned by the government for* ***coffins.***

館

KAN

LARGE BUILDING / HALL

RYOKAN	旅館	'ryokan' / a Japanese-style inn	[食 food 804KR]
BIJUTSUKAN	美術館	an art gallery	[官 government 595KR]

597 *Food eaten by the government in that* ***large building.***

管

KAN

kuda

1. CONTROL　2. PIPE / TUBE / HOSE

KANRI suru	管理	manage / administer / supervise	[⺮bamboo 71KR]
KIKAN	気管	windpipe / trachea	[官 government 595KR]
kuda	管	pipe / tube / hose	

598 *Bamboo used by the government to* ***control pipes, tubes*** *&* ***hoses.***

壤　孃　譲　醸

[六 six 44]
[井 well 50]
[衣 clothing 265KR]

SOFT

襄

599 CO *Six wells and clothing that is **soft.*** The etymology of this character is too complicated to be of any mnemonic value- early forms bear no resemblance to the modern version. Even more vexing is the large number of different meanings associated with the character: **soft**, disrobe, assist, high, yoke, change position, and accuse are a sample. We have chosen **'soft'** to represent the character. The mnemonic string can be imagined as the fervent prayer of a desert nomad.

壤

ARABLE SOIL

JOO　DOJOO　土壤　earth / soil　[土 earth 15KR]
[*v.s.* soft 599CO]

600 *Earth that is soft is **arable soil.***

孃

DAUGHTER / A YOUNG LADY (UNMARRIED)

JOO　o-JOO san　お嬢さん　your daughter / a young lady　[女 woman 96KR]
[*v.s.* soft 599CO]

601 *Woman who is soft is a **daughter** & a **young lady.***

譲

1. TRANSFER / HAND OVER　2. YIELD / CONCEDE　[言 word 35KR]

JOO　JOOTO　譲渡　a transfer　[*v.s.* soft 599CO]
JOOHO　譲歩　a concession / compromise
yuzu.　yuzu.ru　譲る　transfer / hand over / turn over / abdicate // yield / concede

602 *Words that are soft: I **yield** and will **transfer** & **hand it over**.*

醸

1. BREW　2. CAUSE / BRING ABOUT

JOO　JOOZOO　醸造　brewing / distillation
JOOSEI　醸成　brew // foment (trouble) / cause　[酉 wine jar 220R]
kamo.　kamo.su　醸す　brew / distill // cause / bring about　[*v.s.* soft 599CO]

603 *Wine jar with soft **brew** still **causes** (drunkeness).*

輸　諭　愉　癒

俞

TRANSPORT / CONVEY

[亼 lid 227R]
[月 body part 144R]
[刂 knife 163R]

604 CO *Lid put on body parts cut up with a knife and then* ***transported.***

輸

YU

TRANSPORT

YUSOO	輸送	transport / transportation	
YUNYUU	輸入	import	[車 vehicle 40KR]
YUSHUTSU	輸出	export	[*v.s.* transport 604CO]

605 *Vehicle* ***transports.***

諭

YU
sato.

ADMONISH / WARN / COUNSEL

SETSUYU	説諭	an admonition / a mild reproof	[言 word 35KR]
sato.su	諭す	admonish / warn / counsel	[*v.s.* transport 604CO]

606 *Words transport (convey) a* ***warning.***

愉

YU

JOY / PLEASURE

YUKAI	愉快	joy / pleasure / delight	[忄 feelings 133R]
			[*v.s.* transport 604CO]

607 *Feelings transported are* ***joy & pleasure.***

癒

YU

CURE / HEAL [疒 sickness 215R]

YUCHAKU suru	癒着	heal / knit / close up (a wound)	[*v.s.* transport 604CO]
CHIYU suru	治癒	recover (from an illness) / heal	[心 heart 61KR]

608 *Sickness transported- heart* ***cured.***

奇　騎　寄　崎

奇

KI

STRANGE / ODD

KIMYOO na	奇妙な	strange / odd / curious	[大 big 1KR]
KIJUTSU	奇術	conjuring / sleight of hand	[可 possible 173KR]
KISUU	奇数	an odd number	

609 KR *Big is possible- but **strange** & **odd.***

騎

KI

RIDER

KIBA	騎馬	horse riding	[馬 horse 92KR]
KISHU	騎手	a rider / jockey	[奇 strange 609KR]

610 *Horse is strange and so is the **rider.***

寄

KI
yo.

1. APPROACH / DRAW NEAR　2. DROP IN / CALL AT　3. MEET / ASSEMBLE

KIFU	寄付	a contribution / donation	
KISEI	寄生	parasitism	[宀 house 107R]
yo.ru	寄る	approach / draw near // drop in / call at // meet / assemble	[奇 strange 609KR]

611 *House is strange- **approach** (cautiously) before you **drop in** or **meet** there.*

崎

saki

CAPE / PROMONTORY / HEADLAND

Nagasaki	長崎	Nagasaki (city in Kyushu)	[山 mountain 20KR]
Miyazaki	宮崎	Miyazaki (city in Kyushu)	[奇 strange 609KR]

612 *Mountain is strange- it forms a **cape** or **promontory.***

麻　摩　磨　魔

麻

1. HEMP / FLAX　2. NUMB

MA	MAFU	麻布	linen	
	MASUI	麻酔	anaesthesia	[广 building 186R]
	MAYAKU	麻薬	narcotics / drugs	[林 forest 1468KR]
asa	asa	麻	hemp	
	asanuno	麻布	linen	

613 KR *Building contains a forest of **hemp**- I'm **numb!***

摩

RUB

MA	MASATSU	摩擦	friction	[麻 hemp 613KR]
				[手 hand 33KR]

614 *Hemp is hand **rubbed.***

磨

1. POLISH　2. RUB / FILE

MA	MASON	摩損	abrasion	
	KENMA suru	研磨	polish / grind	[麻 hemp 613KR]
miga.	miga.ku	磨く	polish // improve	[石 stone 30KR]
	hamigaki	歯磨	toothpaste	
	su.ru*	磨る	rub / file / strike (a match)	

615 *Hemp gets you stoned if you **polish** and **rub** it.*

魔

DEMON / DEVIL / EVIL SPIRIT

MA	MAHOO	魔法	magic / witchcraft / sorcery	[麻 hemp 613KR]
	MAHOOBIN	魔法瓶	a thermos bottle	[鬼 demon 1736KR]
	AKUMA	悪魔	an evil spirit / devil / demon	

616 *Hemp is a **demon.***

義　儀　議　犠

義

GI

1. JUSTICE / DUTY / HONOUR　2. IN-LAW　3. MEANING

GI	義	justice / duty / honour / righteousness / faithfulness	
GIRI	義理	sense of duty / honour / decency / courtesy	
GIMU	義務	obligation / duty	
GIMAI	義妹	a younger sister-in-law	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
SHUGI	主義	a principle / doctrine / -ism	[我 tass halberd 420R]
DOOGIGO	同義語	a synonym	

617 KR *Sheep killed with a tasseled halberd for **justice, honour** & **duty** by my **in-laws.** What is the **meaning** of it?*

儀

GI

1. RULES / CONVENTIONS　2. CEREMONY

REIGI	礼儀	politeness / courtesy / decorum / etiquette / manners	[亻 person 154R] [義 justice 617KR]
GISHIKI	儀式	a ceremony / rites / a ritual	

618 *Person with justice obeys the **rules** & **conventions** of the **ceremony.***

議

GI

DELIBERATION / DISCUSSION

GIKAI	議会	the Diet / Congress / Parliament	[言 word 35KR]
GIRON	議論	an argument / debate / discussion	[義 justice 617KR]

619 *Words about justice are open to **deliberation** & **discussion.***

犠

GI

SACRIFICE

GISEI	犠牲	a sacrifice	[牛 cow 90KR]
GIDA	犠打	a sacrifice hit (in baseball)	[義 justice 617KR]

620 *Cow and justice were **sacrificed.***

溝　講　構　購

PILED UP

621 CO *Originally written* 冓 *showing two woven baskets* ***piled up***. (One of the baskets is inverted).

溝

1. DITCH　2. GROOVE / GAP

KOO	GESUIKOO	下水溝	a drainage ditch / drain / sewer	[氵 water 101R]
mizo	mizo	溝	a ditch / gutter / drain // groove	[*v.s.* piled up 621CO]
dobu	dobu	溝	a ditch / gutter / drain / sewer	

622 *Water piled up in the* ***ditch*** *and in* ***grooves*** *&* ***gaps.***

講

LECTURE

KOO	KOOGI	講義	a lecture	[言 word 35KR]
	KOOSHI	講師	a lecturer	[*v.s.* piled up 621CO]

623 *Words piled up in a* ***lecture.*** (Yes, *this* picture is worth a thousand words!)

構

1. BUILD / SET UP　2. MIND / CARE ABOUT　3. INTERFERE / MEDDLE
4. BE HOSPITABLE / CARE FOR　5. STAND ON GUARD / STAND READY

KOO	KOOSEI	構成	organization / construction	[木 tree 70KR]
kama.	kama.u	構う	mind / care about // interfere / meddle be hospitable / care for	[*v.s.* piled up 621CO]
	kama.eru	構える	build / construct // stand on guard / stand ready (to, for)	

624 *Tree (wood) is piled up because I'm* ***building*** *and I* ***care about*** *it. Don't* ***meddle! Be hospitable!! Stand on guard!!!***

購

BUY

KOO	KOONYUU suru	購入	purchase / buy	[貝 money 91KR]
	KOODOKU suru	購読	subscribe to (a magazine)	[*v.s.* piled up 621CO]

625 *Money piled up to* ***buy*** *something.*

IV. Mixed Sound and Structure Groups- Level 1

Extra effort is needed to learn the kanji in Group IV because these characters have common structural elements but do not have ON readings that are all the same.

We suggest that the ON readings be learned as phrases in a musical scale (do rei mi) eg. 'SHI SHI RI' or 'IN IN ON' coupled with their respective meanings. We also recommend putting extra effort into learning compound words that contain Group IV kanji. When these kanji are encountered in real life situations without benefit of their textbook mnemonic sequence, it is easy, for example, to forget which two of these three 因 姻 恩 are read 'IN' and which is read 'ON'. If, however, the compound ONJIN 恩人 has been learned as 'a benefactor' (someone with a heart), the problem need not arise.

因 姻 ~ 恩

因

1. CAUSE / ORIGIN OF 2. DEPEND

IN	INSHI	因子	a factor	[口 enclosure 567R]
	GEN'IN	原因	the cause / origin	[大 big (man) 1KR]
	SHIIN	死因	the cause of a person's death	
yo.	yo.ru	因る	be based on / be caused by // depend on	

626 KR *Enclosure of big (man) is for a **cause-** you can **depend on** it.*

姻

MARRIAGE

IN	INSEKI	姻せき	a relative by marriage / in-law	[女 woman 96KR]
				[因 cause 626KR]

627 *Woman is the cause of **marriage.***

恩

KINDNESS / A FAVOUR / A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

ON	ON	恩	kindness / a favour / a debt of gratitude	
	ONJIN	恩人	a benefactor	
	ONKEI	恩恵	a favour / benefit	[因 cause 626KR]
	ON gaeshi	恩返し	repayment of a favour	[心 heart 61KR]
	ON shirazu	恩知らず	ungrateful	

628 *Cause a heart **kindness** with a **favour** and you will earn **a debt of gratitude.***

文 紋 ~ 対 。 又 双 桑

文

1. WRITING / LITERATURE 2. LETTER

MON	MONBUSHOO	文部省	Ministry of Education
	MOJI*	文字	a letter (character)
BUN	BUNGAKU	文学	literature
fumi	fumi	文	a letter
	koibumi	恋文	a love letter

629 KR *Collar pattern looks like **writing.*** Originally written 𠂇 depicting an overlaid collar with an intricate pattern. The meaning eventually came to refer to writing.

紋

1. FAMILY CREST 2. PATTERN

MON	MON	紋	a crest / coat of arms	[糸 thread 78KR]
	SHIMON	指紋	a fingerprint	[文 writing 629KR]

630 *Thread writing on the **family crest** forms a **pattern.***

対

1. OPPOSE 2. A PAIR

TAI	'A' TAI 'B'	A 対 B	A versus B / A vs B	[文 writing 629KR]
	HANTAI suru	反対	oppose / object to / be against	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
TSUI	TSUI	対	a pair / a couple	

631 *Writing with a skilful hand to **oppose** that **pair.***

又

AGAIN

mata	matagiki	又聞き	second hand information / hearsay // in other words
	matawa	又は	or / either...or...

632 KR *One hand- **again.*** [又 hand 295R]

双

BOTH / A PAIR

SOO	SOOHOO	双方	both parties / sides	
futa-	futago	双子	twins	[又 hand 295R]

633 *Two hands- **both** form **a pair.***

桑

MULBERRY TREE

SOO	SOOEN	桑園	a mulberry farm	[又 hand 295R]
kuwa	kuwa	桑	a mulberry tree	[木 tree 70KR]

634 *Three hands tending **mulberry tree.***

夫 扶 規 広 鉱 拡

夫

1. MAN 2. HUSBAND

FU	SUIFU	水夫	seaman / sailor	[一 one 37KR]
FUU	FUUFU	夫婦	husband & wife / Mr. & Mrs.	[大 big 1KR]
otto	otto	夫	a husband	

635 KR *One big **man** of a **husband.***

扶

SUPPORT / HELP

FU	FUYOO	扶養	support / maintenance (of dependents)	
	FUJO	扶助	support / help / aid / assistance	[扌 hand 122R]
				[夫 man 636KR]

636 *Hand of man gives **support** & **help.***

規

1. REGULATIONS 2. MEASURE / STANDARD

KI	KISOKU	規則	a rule / regulation	[夫 man 635KR]
	KIKAKU	規格	a standard / norm	[見 see 1777KR]
	JOOGI	定規	a ruler	

637 *Man sees then issues **regulations** for **measures** & **standards.***

広

WIDE / EXPANSIVE

KOO	KOODAI na	広大な	vast / extensive / grand	[广 building 186R]
	KOOKOKU	広告	an advertisement / ad / notice	[厶 nose 502E]
hiro.	hiro.i	広い	wide / broad / spacious	
	hiro.maru	広まる	something spreads / circulates	
	hiro.meru	広める	spread (eg, a rumour)	
	hiro.garu	広がる	something spreads / expands / widens / extends	
	hiro.geru	広げる	spread (eg, a map) / expand / widen / extend	

638 KR *Building is like my nose- **wide** & **expansive.***

鉱

ORE [金 metal 10KR]

KOO	KOOZAN	鉱山	a mine	[広 wide 638KR]

639 *Metal wide(ly) found in **ore.***

拡

EXPAND / EXTEND

KAKU	KAKUDAI	拡大	magnification / expansion	[扌 hand 122R]
				[広 wide 638KR]

640 *Hand is wide when you **expand** & **extend** it.*

市 姉 肺 綿

市

1. CITY 2. MARKET

SHI	SHI	市	a city eg Kyoto-shi	
	SHIJOO	市場	a market (stock, financial)	
	SHIKA	市価	the market (current) price	
ichi	ichi	市	a market / a market place	[亠 pot lid 227R]
	ichiba	市場	a market (fish, vegetables)	[巾 cloth 120NJY]

641 KR *Pot lids and cloth in the **city** and in the **market.***

姉

ELDER SISTER

SHI	SHIMAI	姉妹	sisters	
ane	ane	姉	an elder sister	[女 woman 96KR]
	nee san*	姉さん	an elder sister	[市 city 612KR]

642 *Woman in the city is my **elder sister.***

肺

LUNGS

HAI	HAI	肺	the lungs	[月 body part 144R]
	HAIZOO	肺臓	the lungs	[市 city 641KR]
	HAIEN	肺炎	pneumonia	

643 *Body part in the city (affected by pollution)- the **lungs.***

綿

COTTON [糸 thread 78KR]

MEN	MEN	綿	cotton (material)	[白 white 179KR]
	MEN orimono	綿織物	cotton fabrics / textiles	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
wata	wata	綿	cotton wool // a cotton plant	

644 *Thread in white cloth is **cotton.*** An orphan kanji with few structural relatives.

化 花 貨 ~ 傾

化

1. CHANGE / TURN INTO 2. SUFFIX FOR: -IZATION / -TION / -ING

KA	KAGAKU	化学	chemistry	
	KOOGYOOKA	工業化	industrialization	[亻 person 154R]
	AKKA	悪化	deterioration / worsening	[匕 seated pers121R]
KE	KESHOO	化粧	make-up / toilet	
ba.	ba.keru	化ける	change / transform / turn oneself into	
	o-bake	お化け	a ghost	
	ba.kasu	化かす	bewitch / enchant	

645 KR *Standing person and seated person- one can **change** or **turn into** the other.*

花

FLOWER / BLOSSOM

KA	KABIN	花瓶	a flower vase	
hana	hana	花	a flower	[⺾ plant 99R]
	hanabi	花火	fireworks	[化 change 645KR]
	hanami	花見	cherry blossom viewing	

646 *Plant changes into a **flower.***

貨

1. MONEY 2. FREIGHT / CARGO / GOODS

KA	KAHEI	貨幣	money / a coin / currency	[化 change 645KR]
	TSUUKA	通貨	currency / money in circulation	[貝 money 91KR]
	KAMOTSU	貨物	freight / cargo / goods	
	HYAKKATEN	百貨店	a department store	

647 *Change **money** for **freight, cargo** or **goods.***

傾

LEAN / INCLINE / TILT

KEI	KEIKOO	傾向	a tendency / trend / drift / inclination	[化 change 645KR]
katamu.	katamu.ku	傾く	something leans (inclines, tilts, lists)	[頁 forehead 453R]
	katamu.keru	傾ける	tilt / bend / incline	

648 *Change forehead to **lean, incline or tilt** it.*

丈 ~ 吏 ~ 使 ~ 史

丈

HEIGHT / STATURE

JOO	JOOBU	丈夫	strong & healthy / sound / solid	[大 big 1KR]
take	take	丈	one's height / stature	

649 KR *Lop-sided big (man) has **height** & **stature.*** For mnemonic purpose, it is useful to remember 丈 as a 'lop-sided' variant of 大 .

吏

AN OFFICIAL

RI	RIIN	吏員	an official // a civil servant	[丈 height 649KR] [口 mouth 85KR]

650 KR *Height and mouth needed to be **an official.***

使

1. USE 2. MESSENGER

SHI	SHIYOOHOO	使用法	how to use / directions	[亻 person 154R]
	TAISHI	大使	an ambassador / envoy	[吏 official 650KR]
tsuka.	tsuka.eru	使える	be useful (serviceable)	
	tsuka.u	使う	use	
	tsuka.i	使い	an errand	

651 *Person who is an official **uses** a **messenger.***

史

HISTORY [口 mouth 85KR]

SHI	NIHONSHI	日本史	Japanese history	[人 person 94KR]

652 *Mouth of lop-sided person tells her **history.*** For mnemonic purpose, it is useful to remember 乂 as a 'lop-sided' variant of 人 . Recall 226.

占 ~ 点　店 ~ 粘

卜

DIVINE

653 NJY *Showing cracks on the outside surface of a turtle shell which in ancient times was used for fortune-telling and other acts of* ***divination.***

占

1. TELL FORTUNES　2. OCCUPY / HOLD

SEN	SENRYOO suru	占領	occupy / take possession of	[卜 divine 653NJY]
shi.	shi.meru	占める	occupy / hold / take / have	[口 mouth 85KR]
urana.	urana.u	占う	tell fortunes / divine	

654 KR *Divine mouth* ***tells the fortunes*** *of those who* ***occcupy*** *(the throne).* Note variant of 卜 .

点

1. POINT　2. MARKS

TEN	TEN	点	a point / dot / spot // marks (at school)	
	TENSEN	点線	a dotted line	[占 tell fortunes 654KR]
	TENKA suru	点火	ignite / light / kindle (a fire)	[灬 fire 402R]

655 *Tell fortunes by fire for* ***points*** *&* ***marks.***

店

STORE / SHOP

TEN	TEN'IN	店員	a store clerk	[广 building 186R]
	SHOOTEN	商店	a store / shop	[占 tell fortunes 654KR]
mise	mise	店	a store / shop	

656 *Building tells the fortunes of its* ***stores*** *&* ***shops.***

粘

1. BE STICKY　2. PERSEVERE　[米 rice 72KR]

NEN	NEN'EKI	粘液	mucus // a viscous liquid	[占 tell fortunes 654KR]
neba.	neba.ru	粘る	be sticky / adhesive // persevere	

657 *Rice tells fortunes when it is* ***sticky****, so* ***persevere****.* Originally this character referred to a sticky, glutinous millet grown in China.

同 洞 胴 銅 ~ 筒

同

DOO
ona.

SAME

DOOJI ni	同時に	at the same time as / simultaneously	
DOOJOO	同情	sympathy / compassion / pity	
ona.ji	同じ	the same	

658 KR *From a depiction of a board with a hole in it.* This character likely arose at a time when structures were fastened together with wooden pegs. The appearance at a building site of many boards all with holes drilled in them may have suggested the idea of **same.**

洞

DOO
hora

CAVE

DOOKETSU	洞穴	a cave	[氵 water 101R]
hora ana	洞穴	a cave	[同 same 658KR]

659 *Water is the same in a **cave***

胴

DOO

TRUNK / TORSO

DOOTAI	胴体	the trunk / torso / body // fuselage (of an aircraft)	
DOOmawari	胴回り	one's girth	
			[月 body part 144R]

660 *Body part that is the same is the **trunk.*** [同 same 658KR]

銅

DOO

COPPER

DOO	銅	copper	
DOOZAN	銅山	a copper mine	[金 metal 10KR]
			[同 same 658KR]

661 *Metal that is the same is **copper.***

筒

TOO
tsutsu

PIPE / TUBE / CYLINDER

ENTOO	円筒	a cylinder	
FUUTOO	封筒	an envelope	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
tsutsu	筒	a pipe / tube / cylinder	[同 same 658KR]

662 *Bamboo is the same as a **pipe, tube** or **cylinder.***

共 供 恭 ~ 洪 港

共

TOGETHER

KYOO	KYOODOO suru	共同	work together / cooperate	
	KYOOTSUU no	共通の	common (feature, purpose, language)	
tomo	tomokasegi	共稼ぎ	a two-income household	

663 KR *Two hands **together**.* We repeat 共 32KR here to emphasize sound-structure relationships.

供

1. SUPPLY 2. OFFER / PRESENT 3. ACCOMPANY

KYOO	KYOOSHUTSU suru	供出	deliver	
	KYOOTAKU suru	供託	deposit (money in a bank)	
KU	KUMOTSU	供物	a votive offering	[亻 person 154R]
sona.	sona.eru	供える	offer / make an offering	[共 together 32KR]
tomo	tomo	供	an attendant	
	kodomo	子供	a child	

664 *Person together can **supply** if you **make an offering** and **accompany** it.*

恭

RESPECTFUL

KYOO	KYOOGA	恭賀	respectful congratulations	[共 together 32KR]
uya.	uyauya.shii	恭々しい	respectful / reverent	[心 heart 61KR]

665 *Together heart is **respectful.***

洪

FLOOD

KOO	KOOZUI	洪水	a flood	[氵 water 101R]
				[共 together 32KR]

666 *Water together will **flood.***

港

HARBOUR / PORT

KOO	KUUKOO	空港	an airport	[氵 water 101R]
minato	minato	港	a harbour / port	[共 together 32KR]
				[己 self 755KR]

667 *Water together with self - I'm in the **harbour.***

申 伸 紳 神 ~ 搜

申

SAY

SHIN	SHINKOKU	申告	a statement / report	[田 field 16KR]
	SHINSEI	申請	an application (for a patent, passport)	
moo.	moo.su	申す	say (humble)	

668 KR *Field extended at the top and bottom- what can I **say**?*

伸

1. STRETCH 2. POSTPONE

SHIN	SHINSHUKU	伸縮	elasticity	[亻 person 154R]
no.	no.biru	伸びる	something stretches // is postponed	[申 say 668KR]
	no.basu	伸ばす	stretch // postpone	

669 *Person says- **stretch** it out and then **postpone** it.*

紳

GENTLEMAN

SHIN	SHINSHI	紳士	a gentleman	[糸 thread 78KR]
				[申 say 668KR]

670 *Thread(s) say a lot about a **gentleman.***

神

GOD / SPIRIT

SHIN	SHINTOO	神道	Shintoism	
	SHINKEI	神経	a nerve	
JIN	JINJA	神社	Shinto shrine	[ネ altar 330R]
kami	kami	神	a god / a diety / God	[申 say 668KR]
	kamikaze	神風	kamikaze / divine wind	

671 *Altar says **god** is here in **spirit**.*

搜

SEARCH [扌 hand 122R]

SOO	SOOSA	捜査	a search / a criminal investigation	[申 say 668KR]
saga.	saga.su	捜す	search for / look for / hunt for	[又 hand 295R]

672 *Hand says hand should **search**.* Although this compound has different structural origins than other members of the group, it is included for mnemonic convenience. Earlier versions show a hand holding a torch inside a building, to give the meaning **search** for something by torchlight. A second hand was added later for emphasis

兄 競 況 ~ 祝 ~ 克

兄

ELDER BROTHER

KYOO	KYOODAI	兄弟	brothers / brothers & sisters	
KEI	GIKEI	義兄	an elder brother-in-law	[口 mouth 85KR]
ani	ani	兄	an elder brother	[儿 legs 302R]
	niisan*	兄さん	elder brother	

673 KR *Mouth with legs- that's my **elder brother.***

競

COMPETE

KYOO	KYOOSOO	競争	a competition / contest / rivalry	
KEI	KEIBA	競馬	horse racing	[立 stand up 25KR]
kiso.	kiso.u	競う	compete / contend / vie with	[兄 elder bro 673KR]
se.	se.ru	競る	compete with / bid for	

674 *Two standing elder brothers **compete.***

況

SITUATION / CIRCUMSTANCES

KYOO	JOOKYOO	情況	situation / circumstances	[氵 water 101R]
	JIKKYOO	実況	the actual situation	[兄 elder bro 673KR]

675 *Water by elder brother- that's the **situation.**.*

祝

CELEBRATE / CONGRATULATE

SHUKU	SHUKUGA	祝賀	a celebration / congratulations	[礻 altar 330R]
SHUU	SHUUGI	祝儀	congratulations // a tip / a gratuity	[兄 elder bro 673KR]
iwa.	iwa.u	祝う	congratulate someone	

676 *Altar is where elder brother **celebrates** & **congratulates.***

克

CONQUER [十 ten 52KR]

KOKU	KOKUFUKU suru	克服	conquer / overcome	[兄 elder bro 673KR]

677 *Ten elder brothers **conquer.***

支 枝 肢 ~ 岐 ~ 技

支

1. BRANCH 2. SUPPORT 3. BE HINDERED 4. PAY

SHI	SHITEN	支店	a branch (office, store)	
	SHIJI suru	支持	support / back up	[十 branch]
	SHISHOO	支障	hindrance / harm / a hitch	[又 hand 295R]
	SHIharai	支払い	payment	
sasa.	sasa.eru	支える	support / sustain / maintain	

678 KR *Hand holds a **branch** for **support** because it is **hindered** and has to pay.* Earlier versions show that the branch was bamboo ↑ . The character is now used figuratively, as in branch office.

枝

BRANCH

SHI	SHIYOO	枝葉	a digression lit. 'branches & leaves'	[木 tree 70KR]
eda	eda	枝	a branch / bough / twig.	[支 branch 678KR]

679 *Tree **branch.***

肢

LIMBS

SHI	SHITAI	肢体	the limbs (of the body)	[月 body 144R]
				[支 branch 678KR]

680 *Body's branches are the **limbs.***

岐

FORK

KI	KIRO	岐路	a fork in the road / crossroads.	[山 mountain 20KR]
				[支 branch 678KR

681 *Mountain branch at the **fork.***

技

1. TECHNIQUE / KNOW-HOW 2. TRICK / FEAT

GI	GIJUTSU	技術	a technique / know-how	
	GISHI	技師	an engineer	[扌 hand 122R]
waza	waza	技	an act / deed / work // trick / feat	[支 branch 678KR]

682 *Hand with a branch has a **technique** for doing **tricks.***

台 胎 怠 ~ 治 ~ 始

台

PLATFORM / STAND / BASE / PLATEAU

TAI	TAIFUU	台風	a typhoon	[厶 nose 502E]
DAI	DAI	台	a stand / table / rack	[口 mouth 85KR]
	DAIdokoro	台所	a kitchen	
	DODAI	土台	the basis / foundation	

683 KR *Nose above mouth forms a **platform.***

胎

WOMB

TAI	TAIJI	胎児	an embryo / fetus	[月 body part 144R]
	TAIBAN	胎盤	the placenta	[台 platform 683KR]

684 *Body part that is a platform is the **womb.***

怠

BE LAZY / NEGLECTFUL

TAI	TAIMAN	怠慢	neglect / negligence / carelessness	
okota.	okota.ru	怠る	be lazy / neglect (one's lessons)	[台 platform 683KR]
nama.	nama.keru	怠ける	be lazy / be idle / neglect	[心 heart 61KR]

685 *Platform heart is **lazy** & **neglectful.***

治

1. PEACE 2. GOVERNMENT 3. CURE 4. FIX / CORRECT

JI	MEIJI JIDAI	明治時代	the Meiji era (1868-1912)	
	SEIJI	政治	politics	[氵 water 101R]
CHI	CHIRYOO	治療	medical treatment / a cure	[台 platform 683KR]
osa.	osa.maru	治まる	be in peace / calm down // get better	
	osa.meru	治める	govern / rule / pacify	
nao.	nao.ru	治る	get well / recover / be cured	
	nao.su	治す	fix / correct // cure / heal	

686 *Water on the platform will bring **peace** & **government** that will **cure** & **fix** things.*

始

BEGIN

SHI	SHIGYOO	始業	commencement of work	[女 woman 96KR]
haji.	haji.maru	始まる	something begins / commences	[台 platform 683KR]
	haji.meru	始める	begin / start / commence	

687 *Woman on the platform **begins.***

祉 歯 ~ 企 ~ 肯 。奥

祉

SHI

HAPPINESS / WELL-BEING

FUKUSHI	福祉	welfare	[ネ altar 330R]
			[止 stop 3KR]

688 *Altar stop brings **happiness** & **well-being.***

歯

SHI
ha

TOOTH

SHIKAI	歯科医	a dentist	[止 stop 3KR]
ha	歯	a tooth // a cog / gear	[米 rice 72KR]
haISHA	歯医者	a dentist	[凵 container cf 14KR]

689 *Stop for rice in a container- a **tooth** break.*

企

KI
kuwada.

PLAN / UNDERTAKE

KIGYOO	企業	an enterprize / undertaking	[人 person 94KR]
kuwada.teru	企てる	plan / scheme / plot / attempt	[止 stop 3KR]

690 *Person stops to **plan** an **undertaking.***

肯

KOO

AGREE / CONSENT TO [止 stop 3KR]

KOOTEI suru	肯定	affirm / acknowledge	[月 body 144R]

691 *Stop the body and **agree**.*

奥

OO
oku

INTERIOR / DEEP INSIDE

OOGI	奥義	secrets / hidden mysteries	[宀 house 107R]
oku	奥	the interior / the depths	[米 rice 72KR]
okuGI	奥義	secrets / hidden mysteries	[大 big 1KR]
okusan	奥さん	wife / ma'am	

692 *House contains rice that's big in the **interior.*** A structural orphan.

担 胆 壇 但 ~ 昼 ~ 得

693 Kanji deleted.

担

1. CARRY ON ONE'S SHOULDER(S) 2. BEAR [扌 hand 122R]

TAN	TANTOO suru	担当	take (be) in charge of	[日 sunrise 548E]
katsu.	katsu.gu	担ぐ	carry on one's shoulder(s)	
nina.	nina.u	担う	carry on one's shoulder(s) / bear a burden / be responsible for	

694 *Hand at sunrise **shoulders** the load and **bears** the burden.*

胆

1. GALL BLADDER 2. COURAGE

TAN	TANSEKI	胆石	a gall stone	[月 body part 144R]
	DAITAN	大胆	boldness / audacity	[日 sunrise 548E]

695 *Body part at sunrise is the **gall bladder**- take **courage!***

壇

PLATFORM / DAIS / STAGE

TAN	DOTANba	土壇場	a place of execution // last or critical moment	[土 earth 15KR]
DAN	ENDAN	演壇	a platform / rostrum	[高 tall 216KR]
				[日 sunrise 548E]

696 *Earth is tall at sunrise on the **platform.***

但

BUT / HOWEVER / PROVIDED THAT [亻 person 154R]

tada.	tada.shi	但し	but / however / provided that	[日 sunrise 548E]

697 *Person at sunrise has caveats: **but, however, provided that.***

昼

NOON / DAYTIME

CHUU	CHUUSHOKU	昼食	lunch	[尺 measure 1090KR]
hiru	hiru	昼	noon / daytime	[日 sunrise 548E]

698 *Measure at sunrise or at **noon** or in the **daytime.***

得

1. PROFIT / ADVANTAGE 2. GET / GAIN / OBTAIN

TOKU	SHOTOKU	所得	income / earnings / gains	[彳 go 482R]
e.	e.ru	得る	get / gain / obtain / achieve	[日 sunrise 548E]
u.	u.ru	得る	get / gain / obtain / achieve	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

699 *Go at sunrise with a skilful hand to **get** as much **profit** as you can.*

生　性　姓。。。

生

1. LIFE　2. BIRTH　3. GROWTH　4. RAW / IMMATURE

SEI	SEIMEI	生命	life	
	JINSEI	人生	human life	
	GAKUSEI	学生	a student	[ノ emphatically 138E]
SHOO	ISSHOO	一生	one's whole life	[主 growing plant 389E]
i.	i.kiru	生きる	live / be alive	
	i.kasu	生かす	revive / bring to life / let live	
	i.keru	生ける	living / alive // arrange flowers	
	i.kebana	生け花	ikebana / the Japanese art of flower arrangement	
u.	u.mareru	生まれる	be born	
	u.mu	生む	bear a child	
ha.	ha.eru	生える	something grows / sprouts	
	ha.yasu	生やす	grow / cultivate	
o.	o.u	生う	grow	
nama	nama no	生の	raw / unprocessed / uncooked	
	nama biiru	生ビール	draft beer	
ki	kiito	生糸	raw silk	
	kimusume	生娘	a maiden / virgin / an innocent (naive) girl	

700 KR *Emphatically, growing plant symbolizes **life, birth** and **growth,** however **raw** and **immature**.*

性

1. SEX　2. NATURE / TEMPERAMENT

SEI	SEI	性	sex / gender // nature	[忄 feelings 133R]
	DANSEI	男性	male	[生 life 700KR]
	SEISHITSU	性質	nature / temperament / character	
SHOO	SHOOBUN	性分	nature / temperament	

701 *Feelings about life depend on one's **sex, nature** & **temperament.***

姓

SURNAME

SEI	SEI	姓	one's surname	
	SEIMEI	姓名	one's full name	[女 woman 96KR]
SHOO	HYAKUSHOO	百姓	a farmer / peasant	[生 life 700KR]

702 *Woman lives with her **surname.***

○ ○ ○ 星 牲 ~ 産

星

STAR

SEI	SEIZA	星座	a constellation	
	KASEI	火星	Mars	[日 sun 57KR]
SHOO	MYOOJOO	明星	Venus	[生 live 700KR]
hoshi	hoshi	星	star	

703 *Sun is a living **star.***

牲

SACRIFICE

SEI	GISEI	犠牲	a sacrifice / an offering	[牛 cow 90KR]
	GISEISHA	犠牲者	a victim	[生 live 700KR]

704 *Cow is a living **sacrifice.***

産

1. BIRTH 2. PRODUCTION 3. PROPERTY [立 stand up 25KR]

SAN	SAN'IN	産院	a maternity hospital	[厂 cliff 100R]
	SANKA	産科	obstetrics	[生 live 700KR]
	SANBUTSU	産物	a product	
	ZAISAN	財産	property / an estate / assets	
ubu-	ubugi	産着	baby clothes	
u.	u.mareru	産まれる	be born	
	u.mu	産む	bear a child / lay eggs / bring forth / yield / produce	

705 *Stand up on a cliff that is living and give **birth** to **production** & **property.***

令　鈴　冷　。。。

卩

BOWING PERSON
706 E *Stick figure of a **bowing person.***

令

ORDER / COMMAND

REI	MEIREI	命令	orders / a command	[亼 lid 227R]
	GOOREI	号令	an order / a command (verbal)	[卩 bowing pers 706E]

707 KR *Put a lid on bowing person- that's an **order**!*

鈴

BELL

REI	DENREI	電鈴	an electric bell	
RIN	FUURIN	風鈴	a wind chime	[金 metal 10KR]
suzu	suzu	鈴	a bell	[令 order 707KR]
	Suzuki	鈴木	Suzuki (surname)	

708 *Metal ordered to chime is a **bell.***

冷

COLD

REI	REIZOOKO	冷蔵庫	a refrigerator	
	REIBOO	冷房	air conditioning	
tsume.	tsume.tai	冷たい	cold	
hi.	hi.eru	冷える	grow cold	[ン ice 214R]
	hi.e SHOO	冷え性	sensitivity to cold	[令 order 707KR]
	hi.yasu	冷やす	cool / chill something	
sa.	sa.meru	冷める	grow cold	
	sa.masu	冷ます	cool / chill something	

709 *Ice ordered- it's **cold.***

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齢

AGE

REI

NENREI	年齢	age	[歯 tooth 689]
GAKUREI	学齢	of school age	[令 order 707KR]

710 *Tooth ordered- it's **age**!*

零

ZERO

REI

REI	零	zero	[雨 rain 69KR]
REIDO	零度	zero degrees / the freezing point	[令 order 707KR]
REIKA	零下	below zero / below the freezing point	
REISAI na	零細な	small / trifling / petty	

711 *Rain ordered- **zero.***

領

GOVERN / RULE

RYOO

RYOO	領	a territory / fief	[令 order 707KR]
RYOODO	領土	a territory / domain / possession	[頁 forehead 453R]
DAITOORYOO	大統領	the president	

712 *Order forehead to **govern** & **rule.***

命

1. AN ORDER / COMMAND 2. LIFE 3. FATE

MEI

MEIREI	命令	orders / a command	[亼 lid 227R]
SEIMEI	生命	life	[口 mouth 85KR]
UNMEI	運命	fate / destiny	[卩 bowing pers 706E]

MYOO

JUMYOO	寿命	life span / life expectancy	

inochi

inochi	命	life	

713 *Put a lid on the mouth of bowing person- that's an **order** concerning his **life** and **fate**.*
MEI 命 is an orphan in our mnemonic system: it does not fit in the REI 令 sound group and strictly speaking, has a different structure.

兆 挑 跳 眺 ~ 桃 逃

兆

1. SIGN / OMEN 2. TRILLION

CHOO	CHOO	兆	a trillion	
	ZENCHOO	前兆	a sign / an omen / a portent	

714 KR *Cracks are a **sign** that you are going to win a **trillion**.* From a pictograph showing cracks on the outside of a turtle shell which in ancient China were used as **signs** and **omens** in divination (cf. 653 NJY). **Trillion** is a borrowed meaning.

挑

CHALLENGE

CHOO	CHOOSEN	挑戦	a challenge / defiance	[扌 hand 122R]
ido.	ido.mu	挑む	challenge / defy / pick a quarrel with	[兆 sign 714KR]

715 *Hand is a sign of **challenge**.*

跳

LEAP / JUMP / SPRING

CHOO	CHOOYAKU	跳躍	a leap / jump	[足 foot 34KR]
ha.	ha.neru	跳ねる	leap / jump / bound // splash / splatter	[兆 sign 714KR]
to.	to.bu	跳ぶ	leap / jump / spring / hop / skip	

716 *Foot is a sign of **leaping**.*

眺

STARE / GAZE / LOOK AT

CHOO	CHOOBOO	眺望	a view / prospect / outlook	[目 eye 86KR]
naga.	naga.meru	眺める	stare / gaze at (on, into) / look at	[兆 sign 714KR]

717 *Eye is a sign of **staring**.*

桃

PEACH

TOO	TOOGENKYOO	桃源境	Shangri-la / paradise	[木 tree 70KR]
momo	momo	桃	a peach	[兆 sign 714KR]

718 *Tree with a sign of **peaches.***

逃

ESCAPE / RUN AWAY

TOO	TOOSOO	逃走	an escape / flight / desertion	
ni.	ni.geru	逃げる	escape / run away	[辶 movement 178R]
	ni.gasu	逃がす	let go / set free // fail to catch	[兆 sign 714KR]
noga.	noga.reru	逃れる	escape // avoid / evade	
	noga.su	逃す	fail to catch / let slip	

719 *Movement is a sign of **escape.***

由油 ~ 宙抽 ~ 軸 ~ 笛

由

1. REASON / CAUSE 2. MEANS / WAY

YU	YURAI	由来	the origin / source / cause // history of	[田 field 16KR]
YUU	RIYUU	理由	a reason / cause / motive // means / way	
	JIYUU	自由	freedom / liberty	
yoshi	yoshi	由	a means / way	

720 KR *Field with sprouting plant is there for a **reason**. Someone had the **means**.*

油

OIL

YU	SEKIYU	石油	oil / petroleum	[氵 water 101R]
	GEN'YU	原油	crude oil	[由 reason 720KR]
abura	abura	油	oil / fat / grease / lard	

721 *Water with reason does not mix with **oil.***

宙

1. MIDAIR 2. SPACE / THE HEAVENS

CHUU	CHUU ni	宙に	in midair / in the air	[宀 house 107R]
	CHUUgaeri	宙返り	a somersault	[由 reason 720KR]
	UCHUU	宇宙	space / the cosmos / the universe	

722 *House with reason cannot be in **midair** or **space.***

抽

PULL / EXTRACT

CHUU	CHUUSEN	抽選	a lottery / a drawing	[扌 hand 122R]
	CHUUSHUTSU suru	抽出	extract	[由 reason 720KR]

723 *Hand with reason can **pull** & **extract.***

軸

AXIS / AXLE

JIKU	CHIJIKU	地軸	the earth's axis	[車 vehicle 40KR]
	SHAJIKU	車軸	a axle	[由 reason 720KR]

724 *Vehicle with reason has an **axle**.*

笛

WHISTLE / FLUTE

TEKI	KEITEKI	警笛	an alarm / police whistle / car horn	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
fue	fue	笛	a flute	[由 reason 720KR]

725 *Bamboo with reason can be made into a **whistle** or **flute.***

方　芳　訪 . . .

方

1. SIDE　2. DIRECTION　3. WAY　4. SQUARE　5. PERSON

HOO	HOOKOO	方向	a direction	
	HOOMEN	方面	a direction / quarter / district / field (line) of	
	HOOBOO	方々	here and there / far and near / in all directions	
	SHIHOO	四方	all directions / N.S.E.W.	
	HOOKEI	方形	a square	
kata	kata	方	a way / how to // a direction / a side // c/o // person (hon.)	
	shikata	仕方	a method / a way	
	katagata	方々	people	[亠 pot lid 227R]
	yuugata	夕方	evening	[刀 sword 7KR]
	yukue*	行方	one's whereabouts	

726 KR *Pot lid covers sword on every **side**, **direction** & **way** for a **square person**.*

芳

1. FRAGRANT　2. FAVOURABLE / FAIR　3. HONORIFIC PREFIX

HOO	HOOKOO	芳香	fragrance / a sweet smell	
	HOOMEI	芳名	a good name / reputation / your honoured name	[艹 plant 99R]
kanba.	kanba.shii	芳しい	fragrant / sweet smelling // favourable / fair	[方 side 726KR]

727 *Plant on the side is **fragrant, favourable, fair** & **honourable.***

訪

VISIT

HOO	HOOMON	訪問	a visit	
otozu.	otozu.reru	訪れる	visit / call on	[言 word 35KR]
tazu.	tazu.neru	訪ねる	visit / call on	[方 side 726KR]

728 *Words on the side about a **visit.***

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放

1. SET FREE　2. EMIT　3. DISCHARGE

HOO	KAIHOO suru	解放	set free / release / liberate	
	HOOSOO	放送	a radio or T.V. broadcast	[方 side 726KR]
	HOOSHA	放射	radiation	[攵 strike 200R]
hana.	hana.su	放す	set free / release / let go	
	hana.tsu	放つ	shoot / fire / discharge (a gun) // set free // emit / give off // set fire to	

729 KR *A side strike will **set it free**, but watch out for what it **emits** and **discharges.***

倣

IMITATE / COPY / MIMIC

HOO	MOHOO	模倣	an imitation	[亻 person 154R]
nara.	nara.u	倣う	imitate / copy / mimic	[放 set free 729KR]

730 *Person set free to **imitate, copy** & **mimic** others.*

激

VIOLENT / FIERCE / INTENSE

GEKI	GEKITSUU	激痛	an acute (intense, severe) pain	[氵 water 101R]
	GEKISEN	激戦	a fierce battle	[白 white 179KR]
hage.	hage.shii	激しい	violent / fierce / intense / severe	[放 set free 729KR]

731 *Water is white where it is set free- it is also **violent, fierce** & **intense.***

敷

LAY DOWN / PUT DOWN / SPREAD

FU	FUSETSU suru	敷設	lay down (a cable) // pave (a road) // construct (a railroad)	
shi.	shi.ku	敷く	spread (a sheet) / lay (a mat) / cover / make (a bed) // lay down (a cable) // pave (a road)	[甫 begin 357NJY] [放 set free 729KR]
	shikimono	敷物	a carpet / mat / rug	

732 *Begin to set them free by **laying down** (cables, roads etc.).* Note variant of begin.

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坊

1. PRIEST 2. BOY

BOO	BOOZU*	坊主	a Buddhist priest / a monk / a bonze	[土 earth 15KR]
	akanBOO	赤ん坊	a baby	[方 side 726KR]
	neBOO	寝坊	a late riser / a sleepyhead	

733 *Earth is at the side- the **priest** & a **boy** put it there.*

防

DEFEND / PROTECT

BOO	BOOEI	防衛	defense	[阝 hill 185R]
	BOOSUI no	防水の	waterproof / watertight	[方 side 726KR]
fuse.	fuse.gu	防ぐ	defend / protect from / prevent	

734 *Hill at the side **defends** & **protects** us.*

紡

SPIN YARN

BOO	BOOSEKI	紡績	spinning	[糸 thread 78KR]
tsumu.	tsumu.gu	紡ぐ	spin yarn	[方 side 726KR]

735 *Threads at the side are used to **spin yarn**.*

妨

OBSTRUCT / HINDER

BOO	BOOGAI	妨害	an obstruction / a hindrance	[女 woman 96KR]
samata.	samata.geru	妨げる	obstruct / hinder / hamper / block	[方 side 726KR]

736 *Woman at the side **obstructs** & **hinders**.*

肪

FAT

BOO	SHIBOO	脂肪	fat	[月 body 144R]
				[方 side 726KR]

737 *Body at the side is **fat**.*

房

1. ROOM / CELL 2. TUFT / TASSEL / BUNCH / CLUSTER

BOO	DOKUBOO	独房	a solitary (prison cell)	[戸 door 41KR]
	DANBOO	暖房	heating	[方 side 697KR]
fusa	fusa	房	a tuft / a tassel // a bunch (of grapes)	

738 *Door at the side is to a **room** with **tufts** & **tassels** in **bunches** & **clusters**.*

傍

SIDE / AT THE SIDE

BOO	BOOKAN suru	傍観	look on / remain a spectator	[亻 person 154R]
katawa.	katawa.ra ni	傍らに	by the side of / beside / by	[帝 emper 248KR]
				[方 side 726KR]

739 *Person who is emperor at the side remains **at the side***

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町

TOWN

CHOO	CHOOMIN	町民	a townsman	[田 field 16KR]
machi	machi	町	a town	[丁 city block 21KR]

740 *Field and city block are in the **town**.*

庁

GOVERNMENT OFFICE / AGENCY [广 building 186R]

CHOO	KANCHOO	官庁	a government office	[丁 city block 21KR]

741 *Building in the city block is a **govenment office.***

頂

1. TOP / SUMMIT 2. RECEIVE 3. BE CAPPED WITH [丁 city block 21KR]

CHOO	CHOOJOO	頂上	the top / summit / peak / apex	[頁 forehead 453R]
itada.	itada.ku	頂く	receive / eat / drink // be capped with	
itadaki	itadaki	頂	the top / summit / peak / apex	

742 *City block with a forehead is at the **top**, where it **receives** & **is capped with** (snow).*

貯

SAVE / STORE UP

CHO	CHOKIN	貯金	savings / a deposit (in a bank)	[貝 money 91KR]
takuwa.	takuwa.eru	貯える	store up	[宀 house 107R]
				[丁 city block 21KR]

743 *Money for a house in that city block must be **saved up**.*

灯

A LIGHT

TOO	DENTOO	電灯	an electric light	[火 fire 18KR]
hi	hi	灯	a light	[丁 city block 21KR]

744 *Fire in the city block is just **a light.***

訂

CORRECT / REVISE [言 word 35KR]

TEI	TEISEI suru	訂正	correct / revise / amend	[丁 city block 21KR]

745 *Words about city block need to be **corrected** & **revised.***

打

HIT / STRIKE

DA	DASHA	打者	a batter (in baseball)	[扌 hand 122R]
u.	u.tsu	打つ	hit / strike // fire / shoot // attack	[丁 city block 21KR]

746 *Hand in city block **hits.***

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召

SHOO
me.

1. SUMMON / CALL 2. WEAR / RIDE / PARTAKE OF (HONORIFIC)

SHOOKAN	召喚	a summons	
me.su	召す	call / summon // wear // ride	[刀 sword 7KR]
meshiagaru	召し上がる	eat / drink (honorific)	[口 mouth 85KR]

747 KR *Sword and mouth **summon** you to **wear, ride** & **partake**.*

招

SHOO
mane.

1. INVITE 2. CAUSE / INCUR 3. BECKON [扌 hand 122R]

SHOOTAI	招待	an invitation	[召 summon 747KR]
mane.ku	招く	invite // cause / incur // beckon	

748 *Hand that summons means you are **invited, causing** you to **beckon.***

沼

SHOO
numa

SWAMP

SHOOTAKU	沼沢	swamps / marshes / bogs	[氵 water 101R]
numa	沼	a swamp / marsh / bog	[召 summon 747KR]

749 *Water that summons is in a **swamp.***

詔

SHOO

IMPERIAL EDICT

SHOOSHO	詔書	an Imperial edict (rescript)	[言 word 35KR]
			[召 summon 747KR]

750 *Word that summons is an **Imperial edict.***

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紹

SHOO

INTRODUCTION

SHOOKAI	紹介	an introduction	[糸 thread 78KR]
SHOOKAIJOO	紹介状	a letter of introduction	[召 summon 747KR]

751 *Thread that summons is an **introduction.***

昭

SHOO

BRIGHT

SHOOWA	昭和	the Showa Era (1926-1989)	[日 sun 57KR] [召 summon 747KR]

752 KR *Sun that summons is **bright.***

照

SHOO
te.

SHINE

SHOOMEI	照明	illumination / lighting	[昭 bright 752KR]
te.ru	照る	shine	[灬 fire 402R]
te.rasu	照らす	shine on / light up / illuminate	

753 *Bright fire **shines.***

超

CHOO
ko.

1. SUPER- / ULTRA-		**2. EXCEED**	
CHOOJIN	超人	a superman	
CHOOTANPA	超短波	ultrashortwave / VHF	[走 run 1751KR]
CHOOKA	超過	an excess	[召 summon 747KR]
ko.eru	超える	surpass / exceed / go beyond	
ko.su	超す	"	

754 *Run and summon **super** (man) who **exceeds.***

己 記 紀 起 . . .

己

SELF

KI	CHIKI	知己	an acquaintance	
KO	JIKO	自己	self / ego	
	RIKO	利己	self-interest / selfishness	
onore	onore	己れ	I / myself / oneself	

755 KR *Twisted nose is **self.*** The character may have arisen as a graphical variant of the element 厶 nose 502E to mean 'self'.

記

WRITE DOWN

KI	KIJI	記事	a news item / report / article	[言 word 35KR]
	KISHA	記者	a journalist	[己 self 755KR]
	NIKKI	日記	a diary	
shiru.	shiru.su	記す	write (jot, note) down	

756 *Words about self are **written down.***

紀

1. ACCOUNT / NARRATIVE 2. HISTORY / PERIOD

KI	KIKOO	紀行	an account of a trip / a travelogue	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KIGENZEN	紀元前	B.C.	[己 self 755KR]
	KIGENGO	紀元後	A.D.	
	SEIKI	世紀	a century	

757 *Thread and self give an **account** of the **history** of that **period**.*

起

1. ORIGIN / BEGINNING 2. WAKE UP 3. HAPPEN

KI	KIGEN	起源	the origin / beginning	[走 run 1751KR]
	KITEN	起点	the starting point	[己 self 755KR]
o.	o.kiru	起きる	wake up / get up	
	o.koru	起こる	happen / occur / take place // originate in	
	o.kosu	起こす	wake someone up / raise someone to their feet // cause	

758 *Run self from the **origin** to **wake up** and make it **happen**.*

○ ○ ○ 忌 ~ 妃 ~ 配 ~ 改

忌

1. MOURNING 2. DETEST / ABHOR 3. AVOID / EVADE 4. TABOO 5. DISGUSTING / ABOMINABLE

KI	KI	忌	a period of mourning / anniversary of a person's death	
	KICHUU	忌中	in mourning	
	KIHI suru	忌避	avoid / evade / shirk	
	KINKI	禁忌	a taboo	[己 self 755KR]
i.	i.mu	忌む	detest / abhor / loathe // avoid / shun	[心 heart 61KR]
	i.mawashii	忌まわしい	disgusting / abominable	

759 *Self and heart are in **mourning** because they **detest** and **avoid** what is **taboo** & **disgusting**.*

妃

MARRIED PRINCESS

HI	HIDENKA	妃殿下	Her Imperial Highness	[女 woman 96KR]
	OOHI	王妃	a queen	[己 self 755KR]

760 *Woman (her)self is a **marrried princess**.*

配

DISTRIBUTE / HAND OUT

HAI	HAITATSU	配達	delivery	[酉 wine jar 220R]
	SHINPAI	心配	worry / concern	[己 self 755KR]
kuba.	kuba.ru	配る	distribute / hand out	

761 *Wine jar for self- then **distribute** & **hand out** (the rest).*

改

REFORM

				[己 self 755KR]
KAI	KAIKAKU suru	改革	reform	[攵 strike 200R]
	KAISHIN suru	改心	reform oneself / mend one's ways	
arata.	arata.maru	改まる	be renewed / renovated / changed / improved / reformed	
	arata.meru	改める	renew / renovate / change / correct / revise / reform	

762 *Self strikes for **reform**.*

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古

OLD

KO	KODAI	古代	ancient times / antiquity	[十 ten 52]
	KOFUU na	古風な	old-fashioned / out-of-date	[口 mouth 85KR]
furu.	furu.i	古い	old	

763 KR *Ten mouths are **old**.* From a depiction of a skull or skull-mask.

枯

WITHER

KO	KOSHI suru	枯死	wither / die	[木 tree 70KR]
ka.	ka.reru	枯れる	wither / die	[古 old 763KR]

764 *Tree is old and **withered.***

故

1. DECEASED 2. REASON / CAUSE / CIRCUMSTANCES

KO	KOJIN	故人	the deceased / departed	[古 old 763KR]
	KOtanaka	故田中	the late Tanaka	[攵 strike 200R]
	JIKO	事故	an accident / a breakdown / trouble	
yue	yue	故	reason / cause / circumstances	

765 *Old strike- the **deceased** had **reason** & **cause** under the **circumstances.***

湖

LAKE

KO	KOSUI	湖水	a lake	[氵water 101R]
	Yamanaka KO	山中湖	Lake Yamanaka	[古 old 763KR]
mizuumi	mizuumi	湖	a lake	[月 moon 58KR]

766 *Water and old moon in the **lake.***

苦

1. PAIN / SUFFERING 2. BITTER

KU	KUROO	苦労	difficulties / trouble / hardship / cares / distress / toil / pain	
kuru.	kuru.shii	苦しい	painful // difficult / hard	
	kuru.shimu	苦しむ	suffer / be in pain	[艹 plant 99R]
niga.	niga.i	苦い	bitter	[古 old 763KR]

767 *Plant is old and **painfully bitter.***

固 個 箇 ~ 居 据

固

HARD / FIRM

KO	KOTAI	固体	a solid	[口 enclosure 567R]
	KOTEI no	固定の	fixed / stationary / permanent	[古 old 763KR]
kata.	kata.maru	固まる	something hardens (sets, congeals)	
	kata.meru	固める	harden / solidify / strengthen / consolidate	

768 KR *Enclosed old (thing) is **hard** & **firm.***

個

1. INDIVIDUAL 2. COUNTER FOR VARIOUS OBJECTS

KO	KOJIN	個人	an individual	[亻 person 154R]
	IKKO	一個	one / a piece	[固 hard 768KR]

769 *Person is hard and as an **individual** can be **counted.***

箇

ITEM

KA	KAJOO	箇条	an item / article / clause	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
	KASHO	箇所	a place / spot	[固 hard 768KR]

770 *Bamboo is a hard **item**.*

居

1. BE / EXIST 2. STAY / RESIDE

KYO	KYOJUU suru	居住	live / dwell / reside / stay	[尸 buttocks 105R]
i.	i.ru	居る	be / exist // stay / reside	[古 old 763KR]
	ima	居間	a living room	

771 KR *Buttocks are old and **be** where I **stay.*** After learning 居住, students should look up 住居.

据

SET / PLACE / PUT INTO POSITION

su.	su.eru	据える	set / set up / place	
	suetsukeru	据え付ける	put into position / install	[扌 hand 122R]
	hara o sueru	腹を据える	make up one's mind	[居 exist 771KR]

772 *Hand exists to **set things in place**.* There is no ON reading for this kanji.

IV. Mixed Sound and Structure Groups- Level 2

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戒

ADMONISH / WARN AGAINST

KAI	KEIKAI suru	警戒	watch (look out) for // warn against	[廾 two hands 356]
	JIKKAI	十戒	the Ten Commandments	[戈 lance 419R]
imashi.	imashi.meru	戒める	admonish / warn against	

773 KR *Two hands holding a lance* ***admonish*** *&* ***warn against.***

械

1. MACHINE 2. DEVICE

KAI	KIKAI	機械	a machine	[木 tree 70KR]
	KIKAI	器械	an instrument / apparatus / appliance	[戒 admonish 773KR]

774 *Tree admonishes* ***machines*** *&* ***devices.***

賊

1. THIEF 2. REBEL [貝 money 91KR]

ZOKU	ZOKU	賊	a thief / robber / burgler // rebel	[十 ten 52]
	ZOKUGUN	賊軍	a rebel army / rebels	[戈 lance 419R]

775 *Money and ten lances (stolen by)* ***thieves*** *&* ***rebels.***

告

ANNOUNCE / INFORM / TELL

KOKU	KOOKOKU	広告	an advertisement / ad / announcement	[牛 cow 90KR]
tsu.	tsu.geru	告げる	announce / inform / tell	[口 mouth 85KR]

776 KR *Cow with an open mouth* ***announces*** *(it's milking time).*

酷

1. CRUEL / HARSH 2. INTENSE

KOKU	ZANKOKU na	残酷な	cruel / brutal / merciless / harsh	[酉 wine jar 220R]
	KOKUSHO	酷暑	intense heat / torrid	[告 announce 776KR]

777 *Wine jar announces its* ***cruel*** *&* ***intense*** *(contents).*

造

MAKE / MANUFACTURE / PRODUCE [辶 movement 178R]

ZOO	ZOOSEN	造船	shipbuilding	[告 announce 776KR]
tsuku.	tsuku.ru	造る	make / manufacture / produce	

778 *Movement announces that something is being* ***made, manufactured*** *or* ***produced.***

布 怖 希 沿 鉛 船

布

1. CLOTH 2. SPREAD

FU	MOOFU	毛布	a blanket	[⺈ simple hand]
	KOOFU	公布	a proclamation	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
nuno	nuno	布	cloth	

779 KR *Simple hand holds a **cloth** and **spreads** it.*

怖

FRIGHTENING / SCARY / DREADFUL

FU	KYOOFU	恐怖	fear / dread / terror	[忄 feelings 133R]
kowa.	kowa.i	怖い	fearful / dreadful / horrible / shocking	[布 cloth 779KR]

780 *Feelings about cloth are **frightening**.*

希

1. HOPE / DESIRE 2. RARE / SCARCE

KI	KIBOO	希望	a hope / desire / wish	[乂 cross-woven]
	KISHOO	希少	scarce	[布 cloth 779KR]

781 *Cross-woven cloth is what I **hope for** & **desire**- but it is **rare** & **scarce.***

沿

RUN ALONG / GO ALONG SIDE OF

EN	ENGAN	沿岸	the coast	[氵 water 101R]
	ENDOO no	沿道の	along the road / by the roadside	[谷 valley 1124KR]
so.	so.u	沿う	run along / go along side of	

782 *Water in the simple valley **runs along** it.* Note variant of 谷 .

鉛

LEAD

EN	ENPITSU	鉛筆	a pencil	[金 metal 10KR]
namari	namari	鉛	lead	[谷 valley 1124KR]

783 *Metal in the simple valley is **lead.***

船

SHIP

SEN	SENCHOO	船長	a ship's captain	
fune	fune	船	a ship / boat / vessel	[舟 boat 12KR]
funa-	funaasobi	船遊	boating	[谷 valley 1124KR]
	funayoi	船酔い	sea sickness	

784 *Boat in the simple valley is a **ship.***

併 塀 瓶 面

併

UNITE / COMBINE / JOIN

HEI

HEIYOO suru	併用	use jointly (together)	[亻 person 154R]
HEIGOO suru	併合	annex / merge / absorb	[丶 out of 278E]
			[井 well 50 KR]

785 *Person out of well is **united** (with his family).*

塀

FENCE / WALL / ENCLOSURE [土 earth 15KR]

HEI

HEI	塀	fence / wall / enclosure	[尸 buttocks 105R]
ISHIBEI	石塀	a stone wall	[丶 out of 278E]
ITABEI	板塀	a board fence	[井 well 50 KR]

786 *Earth on buttocks out of well- we should put up a **fence.***

瓶

BOTTLE / GLASS JAR

BIN

BIN	瓶	a bottle / glass jar	[丶 out of 278E]
BIN zume no	瓶詰の	bottled (pickles)	[井 well 50 KR]
KABIN	花瓶	a vase	[瓦 vessel]

kame

kame	瓶	a jar / jug / pot / vase	

787 *Out of the well come vessels- **bottles** & **glass jars**.* This character originally referred to well-buckets, which were earthenware vessels used in tandem for lifting water from a well.

面

1. MASK 2. FRONT / FACE 3. SURFACE 4. ASPECT

MEN

MEN	面	a mask // the front / face // the surface // an aspect of	
MENBOKU**	面目	face / honour / dignity / prestige **Also read as MENMOKU	
MENSETSU	面接	an interview	

omote

omote	面	the face / surface	[一 one 37KR]

tsura

tsura	面	a face	[目 eye 86KR]
tsura ate	面当て	an insulting remark / innuendo	[口 enclosure 567R]

788 *One eyed enclosure is a **mask** to put in **front** of the **face.** It has a **surface** and an **aspect.*** MEN is an orphan with few structural relatives.

休 保 褒 央 映 英

休

REST

KYUU	KYUUJITSU	休日	a holiday	[亻 person 154R]
yasu.	yasu.maru	休まる	be rested (refreshed)	[木 tree 70KR]
	yasu.mu	休む	rest	

789 *Person leaning against tree is **resting.***

保

PRESERVE / KEEP / MAINTAIN

HO	HOZON	保存	preservation / storage	[亻 person 154R]
	HOSHOO	保証	a guarantee / waranty	[口 says/mouth 85KR]
	HOKEN	保険	insurance	[木 tree 70KR]
tamo.	tamo.tsu	保つ	preserve / keep // last / wear well	

790 KR *Person says trees should be **preserved.***

褒

PRAISE

HOO	HOOBI	褒美	a prize / reward	[衣 clothing 265KR]
ho.	ho.meru	褒める	praise	[保 preserve 790KR]

791 *Clothing preserved- you deserve **praise.***

央

CENTRE

OO	CHUUOO	中央	the centre	[冂 yoke]
	CHUUOOSEN	中央線	the Chuo Line (in Tokyo)	[大 big 1KR]

792 KR *Yoke on big (person) is **centred.***

映

1. PROJECT 2. REFLECT 3. SHINE 4. COPY / PHOTOGRAPH

EI	EIGA	映画	a movie	
	HAN'EI	反映	a reflection (in a mirror)	[日 sun 57KR]
utsu.	utsu.ru	映る	be reflected in / be taken (a photo)	[央 centre 792KR]
	utsu.su	映す	copy / reproduce // reflect // photograph	
ha.	ha.eru	映える	shine	

793 *Sun's centre is **projected, reflected** & **shines** when it is **copied** or **photographed.***

英

1. BRILLIANT / TALENTED 2. ENGLAND

EI	EISAI	英才	a brilliant intellect / genius	[艹 plant 99R]
	EIGO	英語	English	[央 centre 792KR]

794 *Plant that is centred is **brilliant** & **talented** in **England**.*

吉 詰~ 結。 更 硬~ 便

吉

GOOD LUCK [士 samurai 159KR]

KITSU	FUKITSU na	不吉な	ill-omened / inauspicious	[口 says/mouth 85KR]
KICHI	KICHINICHI**	吉日	a lucky (auspicious) day	

795 KR *Samurai says-* ***good luck!*** **Also read as KICHIJITSU

詰

1. CLOSELY PACKED 2. BE STOPPED UP

KITSU	KITSUMON	詰問	a cross-examination / tough questioning	
tsu.	tsu.maru	詰まる	be stopped up / clogged	[言 word 35KR]
	tsu.meru	詰める	pack / cram / stuff / fill up	[吉 good luck 795KR]
	KANzume	缶詰め	canned (tinned) food	

796 *Words of good luck are* ***closely packed*** *&* ***stopped up.***

結

1. TIE / BIND 2. CONCLUDE

KETSU	KEKKON	結婚	marriage	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KETSURON	結論	a conclusion	[吉 good luck 795KR]
musu.	musu.bu	結ぶ	tie / bind / knot // conclude / end	
yu.	yu.u	結う	do up one's hair	

797 *Threads of good luck* ***tie*** *&* ***bind*** *what we* ***conclude.***

更

1. CHANGE / RENEW 2. GROW LATE

KOO	KOOSHIN	更新	renewal / renovation	[丈 height 649KR]
sara	sara ni	更に	again / once more / more & more	[日 sun 57KR]
fu.	fu.keru	更ける	grow late	
	fu.kasu	更かす	stay up late	

798 KR *Height of sun* ***changes*** *as it* ***grows late***. Note variant of 丈 .

硬

HARD / FIRM

KOO	KOOSHITSU no	硬質の	hard / firm / rigid / tough	[石 stone 30KR]

799 *Stone changes but it always remains* ***hard*** *&* ***firm.*** [更 change 798KR]

便

1. FACILITIES / SERVICE 2. CONVENIENT 3. EXCREMENT 4. MAIL 5. NEWS

BEN	BEN	便	facilities (for communications) / service (bus, train)	
	BENRI na	便利な	convenient / handy	
	BENJO	便所	a toilet / lavatory	[亻 person 154R]
BIN	YUUBIN	郵便	mail	[更 change 798KR]
tayo.	tayo.ri	便り	news / tidings / a communication / letter	

800 *Person changes when* ***facilities*** *are* ***convenient*** *for* ***excrement, mail*** *&* ***news.***

系 係 孫 食 飾 飲

系

1. SYSTEM 2. LINEAGE 3. FACTION / PARTY

KEI	KEI	系	a system // a lineage // a faction / party	[ノ emphatically 138E]
	KEITOO	系統	a system // a family tree / lineage	[糸 thread 78KR]
	NIKKEI	日系	of Japanese descent	

801 KR *Emphatically threads run through any **system**, **lineage** or **faction.***

係

1. RELATE TO 2. PERSON IN CHARGE

KEI	KANKEI	関係	relationship / connection	[亻 person 154R]
kakari	kakari	係	a person in charge	[系 system 801KR]
	kakariCHOO	係長	head (of a subsection)	

802 *Person with a system is **related to** the **person in charge**.*

孫

GRANDCHILD

SON	SHISON	子孫	descendants	[子 child 95KR]
mago	mago	孫	grandchild	[系 system 801KR]

803 *Child is the system for having a **grandchild.***

食

1. FOOD 2. EAT

SHOKU	SHOKUJI	食事	a meal	[亼 lid 227R]
JIKI	DANJIKI	断食	a fast / fasting	[良 good 423]
ta.	ta.beru	食べる	eat	
ku.	ku.u	食う	eat / feed on // bite	

804 KR *Lid on good **food** to **eat.*** Note variant of lid.

飾

DECORATE [食 food 804KR]

SHOKU	SOOSHOKU	装飾	decoration / ornament / dressing	[亻 person 154R]
kaza.	kaza.ru	飾る	decorate / adorn / dress	[巾 cloth 120NJY]

805 *Food by horizontal person on a cloth was for **decoration**.* For mnemonic purpose, we suggest remembering 一 as the horizontal variant of 亻 person 154R. Note that 食 loses two strokes when it is a radical on the left hand side of a kanji.

飲

DRINK [食 food 804KR]

IN	INRYOO	飲料	a drink / beverage	[欠 lack 28KR]
no.	no.mu	飲む	drink / swallow / take (medicine) // smoke	

806 *Food lacking so **drink**.*

九 究~軌。氏 紙~婚

究

INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY

KYUU	KENKYUU	研究	research	[穴 hole 51KR]
kiwa.	kiwa.meru	究める	investigate thoroughly / make an exhaustive study of	[九 nine 49KR]

807 *Hole in nine-* ***investigate thoroughly.*** We have repeated KYUU 九 at the top of the page to empasize sound-structure groupings.

軌

1. TRACK 2. ORBIT

KI	KIDOO	軌道	a track / rail // orbit	[車 vehicle 40KR] [九 nine 49KR]

808 *Vehicle nine left the* ***track*** *and went into* ***orbit.***

紙

PAPER

SHI	WASHI	和紙	Japanese paper	[糸 thread 78KR]
kami	kami	紙	paper	[氏 clan 66KR]
	tegami	手紙	a letter	

809 *Thread of the clan is on* ***paper.*** We have repeated SHI 氏 at the top of the page.

婚

MARRIAGE

KON	KON'IN	婚姻	marriage	[女 woman 96KR]
	KEKKON	結婚	marriage	[氏 clan 66KR]
	MIKON	未婚	unmarried	[日 sun 57KR]

810 *Woman and her clan in the sun is by* ***marriage.***

充 銃 統 二 弐 仁

充

FILL

JUU	JUUJITSU	充実	fullness / completeness	[亠 newborn child 272E]
	JUUMAN	充満	be filled with / be full of	[儿 legs 302R]

811 KR *Newborn child with legs needs to be **filled.***

銃

GUN

JUU	JUUKA	銃火	gun fire	[金 metal 10KR]
	KENJUU	拳銃	a handgun / revolver	[充 fill 811KR]
	SHOOJUU	小銃	a rifle / small arms	

812 *Metal that can be filled is a **gun.***

統

GOVERN / CONTROL / RULE

TOO	DAITOORYOO	大統領	president	
	DENTOO	伝統	tradition	[糸 thread 78KR]
su.	su.beru	統べる	govern / control / rule	[充 fill 811KR]

813 *Threads are filled by those who **govern.***

弐

TWO (IN DOCUMENTS)

NI	NISEN	弐千	2,000	[二 two 38KR]
				[戈 lance 419R]

814 *Two lances for **two in documents.*** Note variant of 戈 .

仁

VIRTUE / BENEVOLENCE / HUMANITY

JIN	JIN	仁	virtue / benevolence / humanity	[亻 person 154R]
	JINGI	仁義	humanity & justice / a code of conduct	[二 two 38KR]

815 *Person is as two if there is **virtue.*** We note that 仁義 is often used by the yakuza.

左 佐 ~ 惰 。 任 妊 ~ 賃

左

LEFT

SA	SAHA	左派	the left wing / leftist faction	
hidari	hidari	左	left	[ナ hand]
	hidarite	左手	on the left / one's left hand	[工 carp square 201KR]

816 KR *Hand holding a carpenter's square is the **left.***

佐

ASSIST

SA	HOSA	補佐	assistance / aid // an assistant	[亻 person 154R] [左 left 816KR]

817 *Person on the left **assists.***

惰

LAZY / INACTIVE [忄 feelings 133R]

DA	TAIDA na	怠惰な	lazy / inactive / idle / indolent	[左 left 816KR] [月 body part 144R]

818 *Feelings that left body part is **lazy** & **inactive.***

任

1. DUTY / RESPONSIBILITY 2. LEAVE IT UP TO / ENTRUST

NIN	NIN	任	duties / responsibility	
	NINMU	任務	a duty / official duties	[亻 person 154R]
	SHUNIN	主任	the person in charge / chief / head	[壬 burden 581E]
maka.	maka.seru	任せる	leave it up to / entrust	

819 KR *Person with a burden has a **duty** & **responsibility** so **leave it up to** him.* And we leave it up to the student to read (and play) 任天堂 .

妊

PREGNANCY

NIN	NINPU	妊婦	a pregnant woman	[女 woman 96KR]
	NINSHIN	妊娠	pregnancy	[壬 burden 581E]

820 *Woman with a burden is **pregnant**.*

賃

1. WAGES 2. RENT 3. FEE

CHIN	CHIN age	賃上げ	a wage increase	[任 duty 819KR]
	yaCHIN	家賃	house rent	[貝 money 91KR]
	UNCHIN	運賃	freight rate / shipping charges	

821 *Duty money is for **wages, rent** and **fees.***

加 架 賀 毛 耗 尾

加

1. ADD 2. JOIN

KA	TSUIKA	追加	an addition / a supplement	
	KA'NYUU suru	加入	join / become a member	[力 power 17KR]
kuwa.	kuwa.eru	加える	add / append // add up	[口 mouth 85KR]
	kuwa.waru	加わる	join / participate	

822 KR *Power mouth was **added** when he **joined.***

架

CONSTRUCT

KA	KASETSU suru	架設	construct / build // install	[加 add 822KR]
	KAKYOO suru	架橋	construct a bridge	[木 tree 70KR]

823 *Add a tree to **construct** (a bridge, overhead cable).*

賀

CONGRATULATIONS

GA	SHUKUGA	祝賀	congratulations / a celebration	[加 add 822KR]
	NENGAJOO	年賀状	a New Year's greeting card	[貝 money 91KR]

824 *Add money for **congratulations.***

毛

HAIR

MOO	YOOMOO	羊毛	wool
ke	ke	毛	hair / down / wool / fur
	kemushi	毛虫	a caterpillar

825 KR *From a pictograph of a tuft of **hair.***

耗

DECREASE

MOO	SHOOMOO	消耗	consumption / wear & tear	[木 tree 70KR & 1712]
	SONMOO	損耗	consumption / wear & tear	[毛 hair 825KR]

826 *Many-branched tree is hairy (i.e., spindly) and shows a **decrease** (in vigour).*

尾

TAIL

BI	BITOO	尾灯	a tail light	[尸 buttocks 105R]
o	o	尾	a tail	[毛 hair 825KR]

827 *Buttocks hair is the **tail.***

員 韻 損 侯 候 修

員

IN

MEMBER

SHAIN	社員	a member / an office employee / staff	[口 mouth 85KR]
MAN'IN	満員	full to capacity / Sold Out	[貝 money 91KR]

828 KR *Mouth and money needed to become a **member**.*

韻

IN

RHYME

IN	韻	a rhyme	[音 sound 1488KR]
INBUN	韻文	poetry	[員 member 828KR]

829 *Sound of the members as they **rhyme.***

損

SON

soko.

1. LOSS / DAMAGE / HARM / INJURY 2. MIS- / ERR / FAIL TO

SON	損	a loss / damage / disadvantage	
SON na	損な	unprofitable / losing	
SON o suru	損をする	lose / suffer a loss	[扌 hand 122R]
SONGAI	損害	loss / damage / harm / injury	[員 member 828KR]
soko.nau	損なう	harm / injure / hurt	
misoko.nau	見損なう	make a mistake about / misjudge / miss	
yomisoko.nau	読み損なう	misread	

830 *Hand of member suffered **loss**, **damage**, **harm** & **injury** because it was **mis**read.*

侯

KOO

MARQUIS

[亻 person 154R

KOOSHAKU	侯爵	a marquis	[ユ ∨ ク bend per 476E]

831 *Person by bending person with an arrow is a **marquis.***

[矢 arrow 80KR]

候

KOO

1. WEATHER 2. SERVE

[侯 marquis 831]

KIKOO	気候	climate	[丨 stick]
KOOHOSHA	候補者	a candidate	[夂 strike 200R]

832 *Marquis with a stick is in the **weather service.***

[彡 hair 342CO]

修

SHUU

osa.

1. STUDY / MASTER 2. GOVERN ONESELF

SHUUGYOO suru	修業	study / get an education / complete a course
SHUURI suru	修理	repair / mend
osa.meru	修める	study / master // behave well / control oneself
osa.maru	修まる	conduct oneself well

833 *Person with a stick strikes his hair to **study, master** & **govern himself.***

牙 雅 芽 ~ 邪

牙

FANG

GA	DOKUGA	毒牙	a poisonous fang
GE	ZOOGE	象牙	ivory
kiba	kiba	牙	a fang / tusk

834 NJY *From a pictograph of interlocking* ***fangs****, not immediately evident in the modern version.* Although not a general use kanji, 牙 is seen often enough to make it worthwhile learning.

雅

ELEGANT

GA	FUUGA na	風雅な	elegant / refined / tasteful	[牙 fang 834NJY]
	YUUGA na	優雅な	elegant / graceful	[隹 bird 267R]

835 *Fanged bird is* ***elegant****.*

芽

BUD / SPROUT / SHOOT

GA	HATSUGA suru	発芽	germinate / sprout / be in bud	[⺾ plant 99R]
me	me	芽	a bud / sprout / shoot	[牙 fang 834NJY]

836 *Plant-like fang is a* ***bud.***

邪

EVIL / WICKED / WRONG

JA	JA'AKU na	邪悪な	evil / wicked / vicious	
	JADOO	邪道	a wrong course / heresy / vice	[牙 fang 834NJY]
	kaze*	風邪	a cold	[阝 village 347R]

837 *Fang in the village is* ***evil, wicked*** *&* ***wrong.***

垂　睡　錘　～　郵

垂

SUI
ta.

1. HANG DOWN / DROOP　2. DRIP

SUICHOKU no	垂直の	perpendicular / vertical	
ta.reru	垂れる	something hangs down / droops / dangles // drips	
ta.rasu	垂らす	hang (a curtain) / suspend // spill	

838 KR *Rickety vehicle with a wheel that **hangs down** and **drips**.* Although the association of 垂 with 車 vehicle 40KR is mnemonically useful, early versions of 垂 show a plant with leaves **hanging down** to the ground. The modern version has no plant-like features and is less likely to be remembered than a rickety vehicle with a wheel that **hangs down**. The additional meaning **'drip'** is also better remembered when associated with rickety vehicle, many of which **drip** various fluids. Review 乗 536.

睡

SUI

SLEEP

SUIMIN	睡眠	sleep	[目 eye 86KR] [垂 hang down 838KR]

839 *Eye hangs down- I need **sleep.***

錘

SUI
tsumu

1. SPINDLE　2. SINKER

BOOSUI	紡錘	a spindle	
tsumu	錘	a spindle	[金 metal 10KR]
omori*	錘	a sinker / weight / plumb	[垂 hang down 838KR]

840 *Metal that hangs down is a **spindle** or **sinker.***

郵

YUU

MAIL

YUUBIN	郵便	mail	[垂 hang down 838KR]
YUUBINKYOKU	郵便局	the post office	[阝 village 347R]
YUUSOO suru	郵送	send by mail / post	

841 *Hang down in the village for the **mail.***

未　味　魅 ~ 妹

未

NOT YET

MI	MICHI no	未知の	unknown	[木 tree 70KR]
	MIMEI	未明	early dawn	
	MIRAI	未来	the future	

842 KR *Top branch of the tree is **not yet** as long as the bottom one.* Review 末 139.

味

1. TASTE　2. APPRECIATE / ENJOY / SAVOUR

MI	IMI	意味	meaning / sense / significance	
	KYOOMI	興味	an interest	[口 mouth 85KR]
aji	aji	味	taste / flavour	[未 not yet 842KR]
	aji.wau	味わう	taste // appreciate / enjoy / savour	

843 *Mouth does not yet **taste**, so I cannot **appreciate, enjoy** or **savour.***

魅

CHARM / FACINATE

MI	MIsuru	魅する	charm / facinate / captivate / enchant	[鬼 demon 1736KR]
	MIRYOKU	魅力	charm / facination / glamour	[未 not yet 842KR]

844 *Demon does not yet **charm** or **facinate** me.*

妹

YOUNGER SISTER

MAI	SHIMAI	姉妹	sisters	
	GIMAI	義妹	younger sister-in-law	[女 woman 96KR]
imooto	imooto	妹	younger sister	[未 not yet 842KR]

845 *Woman not yet (grown up) is a **younger sister**.*

列　烈　裂 ~ 例

列

ROW / LINE / FILE / PROCESSION

RETSU	ZENRETSU	前列	the front row	[歹 bare bones 367E]
	KOORETSU	後列	the back row	[刂 knife 163R]
	GYOORETSU	行列	a procession / parade / queue	
	RESSHA	列車	a train	
	RETTOO	列島	an archipelago**	

846 KR *Bare bones and a knife: put them in a* ***row.*** Originally 列 referred to butchery. The set sequence for cutting up a carcass into parts may have given rise to the current meaning '**row**'. ** Japan may be referred to geographically as 日本列島 .

烈

VIOLENT / INTENSE

RETSU	MOORETSU na	猛烈な	violent / fierce / furious	[列 row 846KR]
	NETSURETSU na	熱烈な	passionate / fervent / ardent	[灬 fire 402R]
	KYOORETSU na	強烈な	intense / strong	

847 *Row of fire is* ***violent*** *&* ***intense.***

裂

1. SPLIT / TEAR　2. BURST

RETSU	BUNRETSU	分裂	a split	
	HARETSU	破裂	an explosion / eruption	[列 row 846KR]
sa.	sa.keru	裂ける	something is split (torn, severed)	[衣 clothing 265KR]
	sa.keme	裂け目	a crack / fissure / chink	
	sa.ku	裂く	split / tear / sever	

848 *Row of clothing is* ***split*** *&* ***bursts.***

例

1. EXAMPLE　2. PRECEDENT / CUSTOM

REI	REI	例	an example / an instance / a case // a custom (usage, practice)	
	TOKUREI	特例	a special case / an exception	
	SENREI	先例	a precedent / a previous instance	[亻 person 154R]
tato.	tato.eba	例えば	for example / e.g. / for instance	[列 row 846KR]

849 *Person in a row is an* ***example*** *of how to set a* ***precedent.***

偶　遇　隅　~　愚

禺

SCORPION

850 E *From a pictograph of a **scorpion** with a twisting tail.* The carapace is represented by 田 , legs by 冂 and the tail by 厶. It is useful to associate the structure of 虫 insect 1827KR with **scorpion**. In compounds, **scorpion** can express the idea of twisting, convoluted, unclear, irrational or not predictable.

偶

GUU

1. BY CHANCE　2. SPOUSE　3. EVEN NUMBER　4. EFFIGY

GUUZEN ni	偶然に	by chance / accidentally	
HAIGUUSHA	配偶者	one's wife	[亻 person 154R]
GUUSUU	偶数	an even number	[禺 scorpion 850E]
GUUZOO	偶像	an image / idol	

851 *Person who resembles a scorpion is **by chance my wife**. She used to be an **even number** but now she's an **effigy.***

遇

GUU

1. RECEPTION / TREATMENT　2. MEETING

GUUsuru	遇する	receive / treat / deal with / entertain	
YUUGUU	優遇	a warm reception / hospitality	[辶 movement 178R]
REIGUU	冷遇	a cold reception / inhospitality	[禺 scorpion 850E]
KIGUU	奇遇	a chance (unexpected) meeting	

852 *Movement of scorpion may result in a fatal **reception** at your **meeting**.*

隅

GUU
sumi

CORNER / NOOK

ICHIGUU	一遇	a corner / nook	[阝 hill 185R]
sumi	隅	a corner / nook	[禺 scorpion 850E]
yosumi	四隅	the four corners	

853 *Hill has scorpions in every **corner** & **nook.***

愚

GU
oro.

FOOLISH / STUPID

GUDON na	愚鈍な	foolish / stupid / silly	[禺 scorpion 850E]
GURETSU na	愚劣な	foolish / stupid / silly	[心 heart 61KR]
oro.ka na	愚かな	foolish / stupid / silly	

854 *Scorpion heart is **foolish** & **stupid**.*

机　飢　肌 ~ 冗

机

DESK

KI	KIJOO no	机上の	on the desk // theoretical / academic	[木 tree 70KR]
tsukue	tsukue	机	desk	[几 table 119NJY]

855 *Tree (wooden) table is a **desk**.* Here, 木 is used in its sense of wood. Originally 机 meant a small wooden table but now has come to mean **desk.**

飢

STARVE

KI	KIGA	飢餓	starvation / hunger	[食 food 804KR]
u.	u.eru	飢える	be starving / be hungry	[几 table 119NJY]

856 *Food on the table for those who are **starving.***

肌

SKIN [月 body part 144R]

hada	hada	肌	the skin	[几 table 119NJY]
	hadagi	肌着	underwear	
	hadazawari	肌触り	the touch / feel (of something against the skin)	

857 *Body part like a table is the **skin**.*

冗

SUPERFLUOUS / REDUNDANT

JOO	JOOCHOO na	冗長な	wordy / verbose / redundant	[冖 cover 247R]
	JOODAN	冗談	a joke / jest	[几 table 119NJY]

858 *Cover on that table is **superfluous.***

必 泌 ~ 秘 ~ 密

必

WITHOUT FAIL

HITSU	HITSUYOO	必要	necesssity / need	[心 heart 61KR]
	HISSHOO	必勝	certain victory	
kanara.	kanara.zu	必ず	without fail / at any cost / be sure to	

859 KR *Heart pierced **without fail.***

泌

FLOW / SECRETE

HITSU	BUNPITSU	分泌	secretion	[氵 water 101R]
HI	HI'NYOO	泌尿	urination	[必 without fail 859KR]

860 *Water without fail **flows** and is **secreted.***

秘

SECRET

HI	HIMITSU	秘密	a secret	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	HISHO	秘書	a secretary	[必 without fail 859KR]
hi.	hi.meru	秘める	keep secret	

861 *Rice plant without fail must be kept **secret.***

密

1. CLOSE / INTIMATE 2. DENSE 3. PRECISE / DETAILED 4. SECRET

MITSU	MITSU na	密な	close / intimate // dense / thick // minute	
	MITSUDO	密度	density	[宀 house 107R]
	SEIMITSU na	精密な	precise / detailed / thorough / minute	[必 without fail 859KR]
	MITSUYU	密輸	smuggling	[山 mountain 20KR]
	MIKKOKU	密告	secret information	

862 *Houses without fail in the mountains are **close, dense, precise** & **secret.***

吹 炊 ~ 軟 ~ 款

吹

1. BLOW 2. PLAY (A WIND INSTUMENT)

SUI	SUISOO suru	吹奏	blow // play (the trumpet)	[口 mouth 85KR]
fu.	fu.ku	吹く	blow // play (the trumpet) // boast	[欠 lack 28KR]

863 *Mouth lacking- **blow** anyway.*

炊

1. LIGHT A FIRE 2. COOK / BOIL

SUI	SUIJI	炊事	cooking	
	SUIHANKI	炊飯器	a rice cooker	[火 fire 18KR]
ta.	ta.ku	炊く	light a fire // cook / boil	[欠 lack 28KR]

864 *Fire lacking- **light** one for **cooking.***

軟

SOFT

NAN	NANKA suru	軟化	soften // become conciliatory	
	NANKOTSU	軟骨	cartilage	[車 vehicle 40KR]
yawa.	yawa.rakai /	軟らかい		[欠 lack 28KR]
	yawa.raka na	軟らかな	soft / gentle / mild / tender	

865 *Vehicle lacks **softness.***

款

ARTICLE / CLAUSE [士 samurai 159KR]

KAN	TEIKAN	定款	the articles of an association / charter	[示 show 36KR]
	YAKKAN	約款	a stipulation // an article / a clause	[欠 lack 28KR]

866 *Samurai shows he lacks **articles** & **clauses**.*

該 劾 ~ 核 ~ 刻

豕 **PIG**
867 NJY *Stylized pictograph of a **pig**, barely recognizable as such.*

亥 **HOG**
868 NJY *Essentially a variant of pig and used as the zodiac sign **'hog'**.*

該

GAI

1. RELEVANT 2. 'THE SAID'

GAITOO suru	該当	fall under / be applicable (relevant, pertinent) to	
TOOGAI KANCHOO	当該官庁	the proper authorities	
TOOGAI JINBUTSU	当該人物	the said person	[言 word 35KR]
			[亥 hog 868NJY]

869 *Words of a hog are **relevant** to **the said** person.*

劾

GAI

INVESTIGATE WRONGDOING

DANGAI	弾劾	an impeachment	[亥 hog 868NJY]
			[力 power 17KR]

870 *Hog power for **investigating wrongdoing.***

核

KAKU

CORE / NUCLEUS

KAKU	核	a core / nucleus	[木 tree 70KR]
KAKUSHIN	核心	the core / heart of	[亥 hog 868NJY]
KAKUHEIKI	核兵器	a nuclear weapon	

871 *Tree and hog are at the **core.***

刻

KOKU
kiza.

1. CHOP / MINCE 2. CARVE / ENGRAVE 3. TIME [亥 hog 868NJY]

CHOOKOKU	彫刻	carving / sculpture / engraving	[刂 knife 163R]
JIKOKU	時刻	time / hour	
kiza.mu	刻む	chop / mince // carve / sculpt / engrave // notch / nick	

872 *Hog knifed then **chopped up** & **carved** in record **time.***

犯 範 ~ 厄 ~ 危

SLUMPED PERSON
873 E *Stick figure of a **slumped person**.*

犯

COMMIT A CRIME / VIOLATE / ASSAULT

HAN	HANZAI	犯罪	a crime	[犭 animal 150R]
	HANNIN	犯人	a criminal	[卩 slumped pers 873E]
oka.	oka.su	犯す	commit a crime / violate / assault	

874 *Animal by slumped person has **committed a crime** by **violating** & **assaulting** him.*

範

1. EXAMPLE / MODEL / PATTERN 2. LIMITS

HAN	HAN	範	an example / a model	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
	MOHAN	模範	an example / model / pattern	[車 vehicle 40KR]
	HAN'I	範囲	limits / bounds / range / sphere	[卩 slumped pers 873E]

875 *Bamboo vehicle ran over slumped person and set a bad **example** of not staying* within the **limits.**

厄

MISFORTUNE / BAD LUCK

YAKU	YAKU	厄	misfortune / bad luck / evil	[卩 slumped pers 873E]
	YAKUBI	厄日	an unlucky day	[厂 cliff 100R]
	YAKKAI	厄介	trouble / bother / burden // help / care	

876 *Slumped person at the bottom of a cliff has suffered a **misfortune**- what **bad luck**!*

危

DANGEROUS

KI	KIKEN	危険	danger	[冂 bending pers 476E]
abu.	abu.nai	危ない	dangerous / hazardous / unsafe	[厂 cliff 100K]
aya.	aya.ui	危うい	dangerous / hazardous / unsafe	[卩 slumped pers 873E]
	aya.bumu	危ぶむ	fear / be afraid of / have misgivings	

877 *Bending person on a cliff with a slumped person at the bottom- it's **dangerous!***

予 預 ~ 野 ~ 序

マ

DOUBLED OVER PERSON
878 E *Stick figure of a **doubled over person.***

予

IN ADVANCE

YO

YOHOO	予報	a forecast / prediction	[マ doub ov pers 878E]
TENKI YOHOO	天気予報	a weather forecast	[丁 city block 21KR]
YOTEI	予定	a plan / plans / program / schedule	
YOYAKU	予約	a reservation / booking / subscription	

879 KR *Doubled over person in the city block acts **in advance** (of the Emperor's arrival).*

預

DEPOSIT / GIVE (RECEIVE) FOR SAFEKEEPING

YO

YOKIN	預金	a deposit / savings / bank account	
azu. azu.karu	預かる	receive for safekeeping // take charge of	[予 in advance 879KR]
azu.keru	預ける	give for safekeeping / deposit / entrust / leave in the care of // check (baggage)	[頁 forehead 453R]

880 *In advance, forehead **deposits** (the day's receipts).*

野

FIELD / PLAIN

YA

YASEI no	野生の	wild (animal, plant)	[里 village 56KR]
YAKYUU	野球	baseball	[予 in advance 879KR]
BUN'YA	分野	a field (branch, discipline) of learning	
no nohara	野原	a field / plain	

881 *Village in advance of the **field**.*

序

1. BEGINNING 2. PREFACE 3. ORDER / PRECEDENCE

JO

JO	序	the beginning / a preface / order	[广 building 186R]
JOBUN	序文	a preface / a foreward (in a book)	[予 in advance 879KR]
JORETSU	序列	order / grade / rank	

882 *Building in advance- put the **beginning** in the **preface** according to **order** & **precedence.***

地 池 ~ 施 ~ 他

也

TWISTING CREATURE
883 E *Looks like a **twisting creature.***

地

GROUND / LAND / THE EARTH / A PLACE

CHI	CHIKATETSU	地下鉄	the subway	[土 earth 15KR]
	CHIHOO	地方	a locality / district / region / provinces	[*v.s.*twisting creat 883E]
	CHII	地位	status / position / social station / rank	
JI	JIMEN	地面	the ground / a patch of land / (the surface of) the earth	
	JInushi	地主	a land owner / a landlord	
	KIJI*	生地	cloth // texture	

884 *Earth with a twisting creature on the **ground**.*

池

POND

CHI	DENCHI	電池	a battery	[氵 water 101R]
	CHOSUICHI	貯水池	a reservoir	[*v.s.*twisting creat 883E]
ike	ike	池	a pond / reservoir / pool	

885 *Water with a twisting creature in the **pond.***

施

1. DO / IMPLEMENT **2. GIVE / BESTOW**

SHI	SHISETSU	施設	an institution / establishment / facilities	[方 side 697KR]
	SHIKOO suru	施行	enforce / carry out / put into operation	[亠 horiz person 805]
SE	SEKOO** suru	施工	construct / build **Also read as SHIKOO	[*v.s.*twisting creat 883E]
	FUSE	布施	an offering / alms	
hodoko.	hodoko.su	施す	give / bestow / give alms // do	

886 *At the side of the horizontal person there is a twisting creature. **Do** something! **Give** him help!! **Bestow** charity!!!*

他

OTHER / ANOTHER

TA	TANIN	他人	a stranger / an outsider	[亻 person 154R]
	TAKOKU	他国	another country / a foreign country	[*v.s.*twisting creat 883E]
hoka	hoka	他	another / someone else / something else	

887 *Person with a twisting creature- **another** time!*

取 趣 ~ 最 ~ 撮

取

TAKE

SHU	SHUTOKU suru	取得	acquire / get / obtain	[耳 ear 87KR]
to.	to.ru	取る	take / catch / get	[又 hand 295R]

888 KR *Ear in hand- **take** it!* An ideograph showing a hand seizing an animal (perhaps a rabbit) by the ears to convey **'take hold of'**. There are some 19 other associated meanings for 取る in the dictionary.

趣

1. MEANING 2. APPEARANCE 3. TASTE / ELEGANCE

SHU	SHUI	趣意	the meaning / the point // one's opinion / an idea // the objective / aim	[走 run 1751KR] [取 take 888KR]
	SHUMI	趣味	taste // interest // a hobby	
omomuki	omomuki	趣	meaning // a look / an appearance // taste / elegance	

889 *Run and take the **meaning** of it. What is its **appearance**? Has it got **taste** & **elegance**?*

最

HIGHEST / MOST

SAI	SAIDAI no	最大の	greatest / largest / maximum	
	SAISHOO no	最小の	smallest / least / minimum	[日 sun 57KR]
	SAISHIN no	最新の	newest / latest	[取 take 888KR]
motto.	motto.mo	最も	most / extremely	

890 KR *Sun taken at its **highest.***

撮

TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH

SATSU	SATSUEI	撮影	photography / filming	
	SATSUEIJO	撮影所	a movie studio	[扌 hand 122R]
to.	to.ru	撮る	take (a photograph)	[最 highest 890KR]

891 *Hand that is highest **takes a photograph**.*

叔 淑 ~ 寂 ~ 督

未

POTATO PLANT

892 E *Pictograph of a **potato plant**.* The upper parts of the plant are represented by 上 (probably a variant of growing plant 主 389E) and the root and tubers by 小 .

叔

SHUKU

UNCLE / AUNT

SHUKUFU / oji*	叔父	uncle (younger brother of a parent)	[*v.s.* potato plant 892E]
SHUKUBO / oba*	叔母	aunt (younger sister of a parent)	[又 hand 295R]

893 KR *Potato plant is in the hand of my **uncle** or **aunt**.* There is an explanation, albeit convoluted, of why such a structure was chosen to signify uncle. According to Henshall (Appendix 1), the character shows a hand pulling up a potato plant. Potatoes are grown in rows, and the association is with a row, i.e. line, of one's parents' younger brothers (and sisters). Review 伯父 and 伯母 180, also read as oji and oba.

淑

SHUKU

GRACEFUL / POLITE / PURE

SHUKUJO	淑女	a lady / a gentlewoman	[氵 water 101R]
TEISHUKU	貞淑	virtue / chastity	[叔 uncle 893KR]

894 *Water and uncle are **graceful, polite** & **pure**.*

寂

JAKU
SEKI
sabi
sabi.

1. QUIET / STILL 2. LONELY

SEIJAKU na	静寂な	quiet / still / calm	
SEKI baku no	寂ばく	lonely / solitary / desolate	[宀 house 107R]
sabi	寂び	an antique look // tranquility	[叔 uncle 893KR]
sabi.reru	寂れる	become desolate / decline in prosperity	
sabi.shii	寂しい	lonely / solitary / desolated / dreary	

895 *House of my uncle is **quiet, still** and **lonely**.*

督

TOKU

1. SUPERVISE 2. COMMAND 3. ENCOURAGE

KANTOKU	監督	supervision // a supervisor / foreman / director (of a movie)	
SOOTOKU	総督	a governor general	
TOKUREI suru	督励	encourage / stimulate / urge	[叔 uncle 893KR] [目 eye 86KR]

896 *Uncle's eye **supervises, commands** & **encourages**.*

粋 酔 ~ 砕 ~ 枠

粋

SUI

1. ESSENCE 2. PURITY 3. STYLISH / SMART / CHIC

SUI	粋	essence / quintessence // stylish	[米 rice 72KR]
JUNSUI na	純粋な	pure / unadulterated / genuine	[九 nine 49KR]
iki na*	粋な	stylish / smart / chic	[十 ten 52KR]

897 *Rice nine times out of ten is the **essence** of **purity** and is **stylish, smart** & **chic**.*

酔

SUI

yo.

1. GET DRUNK 2. FEEL DIZZY / SICK

DEISUI	泥酔	dead drunk	[酉 wine jar 220R]
MASUI	麻酔	an anesthetic / a narcotic	[九 nine 49KR]
SHINSUI suru	心酔	adore / worship / idolize	[十 ten 52KR]
yo.u	酔う	get drunk // feel dizzy / sick	

898 *Wine (jar) nine times out of ten makes me **drunk** and then I **feel dizzy** & **sick**.*

砕

SAI

kuda.

1. BREAK / SMASH 2. INFORMAL

SAIHYOOSEN	砕氷船	an ice breaker (ship)	[石 stone 30KR]
FUNSAI suru	粉砕	smash to pieces / pulverize / shatter	[九 nine 49KR]
kuda.keru	砕ける	be broken / smashed / crushed	[十 ten 52KR]
kuda.keta	砕けた	broken // be on easy terms with / informal	
kuda.ku	砕く	break / smash / crush	

899 *Stone nine times out of ten will **break** & **smash** so be **informal.***

枠

waku

FRAME [木 tree 70KR]

waku	枠	a frame / framework // limit	[九 nine 49KR]
waku nai de	枠内で	within the limits	[十 ten 52KR]

900 *Tree nine times out of ten will make a good **frame**.* There are no ON readings.

通 痛 ~ 踊 ~ 踏

通

1. PASS THROUGH 2. COMMUTE

TSUU	TSUUKOO suru	通行	pass through / go through / go past	[辶 movement 178R]
	TSUUKIN suru	通勤	commute	[マ doubled ov p 878E]
too.	too.su	通す	let pass / make way for	[用 use 27KR]
	too.ru	通る	pass (through, by, along)	
kayo.	kayo.u	通う	commute / go to and from a place	

901 *Movement of doubled over person is used to* ***pass through*** *as she* ***commutes.***

痛

PAINFUL

TSUU	KUTSUU	苦痛	pain / agony	
	ZUTSUU	頭痛	a headache	[疒 sickness 215R]
ita.	ita.i	痛い	painful	[通 pass through 901]
	ita.mi	痛み	a pain / an ache // a bruise	
	ita.mu	痛む	feel pain / ache // be injured	
	ita.meru	痛める	give pain to / hurt / injure	

902 *Sickness that passes through is* ***painful.*** Note simplification of 通 .

踊

DANCE

YOO	BUYOO	舞踊	dancing / a dance	[足 foot 34KR]
odo.	odo.ru	踊る	dance	[通 pass through 901]
	odori	踊り	a dance / dancing	
	odoriko	踊り子	a dancer / a dancing girl	

903 *Foot that passes through is* ***dancing.*** Note simplification of 通 .

踏

STEP ON

TOO	TOOHA suru	踏破	tramp / travel / traverse (the countryside)	
fu.	fu.mu	踏む	step on	[足 foot 34KR]
				[水 water 67KR]
				[日 sun 57KR]

904 *Foot in water in the sun has* ***stepped on*** *(a puddle).*

才 ~ 財 材 ~ 閉

才

1. TALENT 2. YEARS OLD

SAI	SAINOO	才能	talent / ability	[十 ten 52KR]
	TENSAI	天才	genius / a genius	[ノ slash]
	JUUSAI	十才	ten years old	

905 KR *Ten slash **years old** & **talented.***

財

WEALTH / ASSETS / MONEY

ZAI	ZAISEI	財政	finances	[貝 money 91KR]
	ZAISAN	財産	property / an estate / assets	[才 talent 905KR]
SAI	SAIFU	財布	a purse / wallet	

906 *Money and talent produce **wealth.***

材

1. LUMBER 2. MATERIAL 3. TALENT

ZAI	ZAIMOKU	材木	lumber / timber	[木 tree 70KR]
	ZAIRYOO	材料	material / ingredients // data	[才 talent 905KR]
	JINZAI	人材	a man of talent	

907 *Tree with talent can be made into **lumber** & other **materials** if you are **talented.***

閉

CLOSE / SHUT

HEI	HEIKAI	閉会	closing (ceremonies) / adjournment (of a meeting)	
	HEITEN	閉店	store closing	
shi.	shi.maru	閉まる	be closed / be shut	[門 gate 145KR]
	shi.meru	閉める	close / shut	[才 talent 905KR]
to.	to.jiru	閉じる	close / shut	
	to.zasu	閉ざす	close / shut / bolt / lock	

908 *Gate with talent **closes** & **shuts** (all by itself).* Some may prefer to remember 閉 as a gate 門 with a bar and prop (the diagonal slash) to keep it **closed.** Note 959.

是 ~ 提 堤 ~ 題

是

ZE

RIGHT / PROPER / CORRECT

ZESEI suru	是正	put to rights / correct	[日 sun 57KR]
ZEHI	是非	right & wrong // by all means // without fail	[正 correct 1012KR]

909 KR *Sun is correct, and that's **right & proper.***

提

TEI

sa.

1. PRESENT / SUBMIT **2. CARRY (IN THE HAND)**

TEISHUTSU suru	提出	present / submit / bring forward	
TEIAN suru	提案	propose / suggest	[扌 hand 122R]
CHOOCHIN*	提灯	a paper lantern	[是 right 909KR]
sa.geru	提げる	carry in one's hand	

910 *Hand is right- **present** & **submit** what is **carried.***

堤

TEI
tsutsumi

DIKE / EMBANKMENT

TEIBOO	堤防	a dike / embankment / levee	[土 earth 15KR]
tsutsumi	堤	a dike / embankment / levee	[是 right 909KR]

911 *Earth is right for making a **dike** or **embankment.***

題

DAI

SUBJECT / TOPIC / THEME

GIDAI	議題	a subject (topic) for discussion / an agenda	
MONDAI	問題	a question / problem / subject / topic / issue / matter	[是 right 909KR] [頁 forehead 453R]
SHUKUDAI	宿題	homework	

912 *Right forehead is the **subject, topic** & **theme.***

失 ~ 鉄 迭 ~ 秩

失

SHITSU **LOSE**

	SHITSUGYOO suru			
		失業	lose one's job / be out of work	
	SHITSUREI	失礼	a breach of etiquette / discourtesy / impoliteness / rudeness	[ノ emphatically 138E] [夫 husband 635KR]
	SHIPPAI	失敗	a failure	
ushina.	ushina.u	失う	lose	

913 KR *Emphatically, husband **loses.***

鉄

TETSU **IRON**

TETSU	鉄	iron	[金 metal 10KR]
TETSUDOO	鉄道	a railway	[失 lose 913KR]
CHIKATETSU	地下鉄	the subway	

914 *Metal that is lost is **iron.***

迭

TETSU **ALTERNATION**

KOOTETSU	更迭	a reshuffle (of the Cabinet) / a change (in personnel)	[辶 movement 178R] [失 lose 913KR]

915 *Movement lost during **alternation.***

秩

CHITSU **ORDER / DISCIPLINE / SYSTEM**

CHITSUJO	秩序	order / discipline / a system	[禾 rice plant 213R]
MUCHITSUJO	無秩序	disorder / chaos / confusion	[失 lose 913KR]

916 *Rice plant lost- we need more **order** & **discipline** & a better **system.***

斉 ~ 済 斎 ~ 剤

斉

SEI

EQUAL [文 writing 629KR]

ISSEI ni	一斉に	all together / all at once	[月 moon 58KR]

917 KR *Writing on the moon is* ***equal.*** The artful mnemonicist will notice an = sign in this structure. Note variant of 月 .

済

SAI

su.

1. BE PAID 2. COME TO AN END 3. MAKE DO WITH

HENSAI	返済	payment / repayment	[氵 water 101R]
KEIZAI	経済	economy / finance	[斉 equal 917KR]
su.mu	済む	come to an end / end / be finished	
su.masu	済ます	conclude / settle / finish // make do with	

918 *Water is equal to* ***being paid*** *but when it* ***comes to an end****, just* ***make do.***

斎

SAI

1. RELIGIOUS PURIFICATION 2. A ROOM

SAIJOO	斎場	a funeral hall	[斉 equal 917KR]
SHOSAI	書斎	a study / a library	[小 small 2KR]

919 *Equal and small (squeezed into) the* ***room*** *for* ***religious purification****.*

剤

ZAI

MEDICINE / DRUGS

YAKUZAI	薬剤	drugs	
YAKUZAISHI	薬剤師	a pharmacist	[斉 equal 917KR]
GEZAI	下剤	a laxative	[刂 knife 163R]

920 *Equal to the knife:* ***medicine*** *&* ***drugs****.*

具 ~ 真 慎 ~ 鎮

六

LOW TABLE
921 E *Looks like a **low table.***

具

GU

TOOL

GUAI	具合	a condition / a state / circumstances	[目 eye 86KR]
DOOGU	道具	a tool / implement / utensil	[六 low table 921E]
KAGU	家具	furniture / household goods	

922 KR *Eye low table for **tool.***

真

SHIN
ma

1. TRUTH 2. QUINTESSENCE

SHINJITSU	真実	truth / reality / fact	
SHINSOO	真相	the truth / facts	
ma ni ukeru	真に受ける	accept as true / believe	[十 ten 52KR] [具 tool 922KR]
masshiro	真っ白	pure white	
makkuro	真っ黒	pure black	

923 KR *Ten tools- that's the **truth** and **quintessence** of it.*

慎

SHIN
tsutsushi.

1. BE CAREFUL / BE DISCREET 2. RESTRAIN ONESELF

SHINCHOO	慎重	care / caution / discretion / prudence	[忄 feelings 133R]
tsutsushi.mu	慎む	restrain oneself / abstain / be cautious	[真 truth 923KR]

924 *Feelings about truth- **be careful, be discreet** & **restrain oneself.***

鎮

CHIN

CALM DOWN / QUELL

CHIN'ATSU suru	鎮圧	repress / suppress / subdue	
CHINSEIZAI	鎮静剤	a tranquilizer / sedative	[金 10KR]
CHINTSUUZAI	鎮痛剤	a painkiller	[真 truth 923KR]
BUNCHIN	文鎮	a paperweight	

925 *Metal with truth will **calm down** and **quell** (the rebellion).*

肖 消 硝 宵 ~ 削

肖

SHOO

RESEMBLE

SHOOZOO	肖像	a portrait / likeness	[小 small 2KR]
SHOOZOOGA	肖像画	a portrait	[月 body 144R]

926 KR *Small body* ***resembles*** *(parents).* Originally 肖 referred to offspring resembling their parents *i.e.* smaller versions of themselves, eventually taking on the broader meaning of **'resemble'.** Note variant of 小 .

消

SHOO

1. EXTINGUISH 2. ERASE 3. DISAPPEAR

	SHOOKA suru	消火	extinguish / put out (a fire)	
	SHOOKAKI	消火器	a fire extinguisher	[氵 water 101R]
	SHOOHI	消費	consumption	[肖 resemble 926KR]
	SHOOKA	消化	digestion	
ki.	ki.eru	消える	be extinguished / go out / die out / be worn out	
ke.	ke.su	消す	extinguish / put out // erase / rub out	
	keshigomu	消しゴム	an eraser	

927 *Water resembles a fire extinguisher- it* ***extinguishes****,* ***erases*** *and then* ***disappears****.*

硝

SHOO

NITRATE

SHOOSAN	硝酸	nitric acid	[石 stone 30KR]
			[肖 resemble 926KR]

928 *Stone resembles* ***nitrate.***

宵

SHOO
yoi

EARLY EVENING

SHUNSHOO	春宵	a spring evening	
yoi	宵	evening	[宀 house 107R]
yoigoshi	宵越し	overnight	[肖 resemble 926KR]

929 *Houses resemble (one another) in* ***early evening.***

削

SAKU
kezu.

1. WHITTLE DOWN / SHARPEN 2. DELETE / CURTAIL

SAKUJO	削除	a deletion	[肖 resemble 926KR]
kezu.ru	削る	whittle down / plane (wood) / pare (fingernails) / sharpen (a pencil) // delete / curtail / cut down (expenses)	[刂 knife 163R]

930 *Resembles a knife (in action):* ***whittles down, sharpens, deletes & curtails.***

次 姿 資 諮 ~ 盗

次

NEXT

SHI	SHIDAI	次第	order // circumstances // as soon as // depends on	
JI	MOKUJI	目次	a table of contents	
tsugi	tsugi	次	next / following	[ン ice 214R]
tsu.	tsu.gu	次ぐ	rank next / come after	[欠 lack 28KR]

931 KR *Ice is lacking- what's **next**?*

姿

FORM / FIGURE / SHAPE / APPEARANCE

SHI	SHISEI	姿勢	a posture / pose / an attitude	[次 next 931KR]
sugata	sugata	姿	a form / figure / shape / appearance	[女 woman 96KR]
	sugatami	姿見	a full-length mirror	

932 *Next woman has a good **figure**.*

資

CAPITAL / RESOURCES

SHI	SHIHON	資本	capital	[次 next 931KR]
	SHIGEN	資源	resources	[貝 money 91KR]
	SHIRYOO	資料	raw materials // data	

933 *Next money will become our **capital.***

諮

CONSULT / CONFER / SOLICIT ADVICE

SHI	SHIMON suru	諮問	consult // submit / refer (a matter)	[言 word 35KR]
haka.	haka.ru	諮る	consult / confer with // submit / refer	[次 next 931KR]
				[口 mouth 85KR]

934 *Words next in mouth- **consult, confer & solicit advice.***

盗

STEAL

TOO	TOONAN	盗難	theft / robbery	
	GOOTOO	強盗	robber(y) / burglar(y)	[次 next 931KR]
nusu.	nusu.mu	盗む	steal / rob / pilfer	[皿 plate 23KR]
	nusubito*	盗人	a thief / burglar	

935 *Next plate- let's **steal** it.*

作 昨 酢 搾 ~ 詐

乍

MAKE

936 E *Saw for **making** things.* Originally 乍 showing an adze 匕 and 木 tree (wood) to convey the idea of making something. The modern version looks more like a saw, which is a more meaningful mnemonic for **'make'.**

作

1. MAKE 2. HARVEST

SAKU	SAKU	作	a work (of art, literature) // a harvest / crop	
	SAKUMOTSU	作物	crops / farm products	
	SAKUHIN	作品	a work of art	[亻 person 154R]
SA	DOOSA	動作	action / movements	[*v.s.* make 936E]
tsuku.	tsuku.ru	作る	make / manufacture / build // write (a novel, an essay) // cultivate / grow	

937 *Person **makes** & **harvests.***

昨

1. YESTERDAY 2. PAST

SAKU	SAKUJITSU	昨日	yesterday	[日 sun 57KR]
	SAKUNEN	昨年	last year	[*v.s.* make 936E]

938 *Sun makes **yesterday** & the **past.***

酢

1. VINEGAR 2. SOUR

SAKU	SAKUSAN	酢酸	acetic acid	[酉 wine jar 220R]
su	su	酢	vinegar	[*v.s.* make 936E]
	suppai	酸っぱい	sour / acid	

939 *Wine (jar) makes **sour vinegar.***

搾

WRING OUT / SQUEEZE

SAKU	SAKUSHU	搾取	exploitation	[扌 hand 122R]
	SAKUNYUU suru	作乳	milk (a cow) // squeeze out of	[穴 hole 51KR]
shibo.	shibo.ru	搾る	wring out / squeeze // milk	[*v.s.* make 936E]

940 *Hand with a hole makes it easy to **wring out** & **squeeze.***

詐

LIE / DECEIVE

SA	SAGI	詐欺	fraud / swindling	[言 word 35KR]
	SASHOO	詐称	misrepresentation	[*v.s.* make 936E]

941 *Words make a **lie** to **deceive**.*

責 積 績 ~ 債 ~ 漬

責

1. RESPONSIBILITY 2. BLAME 3. TORTURE / HARASS

SEKI	SEKININ	責任	responsibility / duty / liabilities	[主 growing plant 389E]
	JISEKI	自責	self-reproach / pangs of conscience	[貝 money 91KR]
se.	se.meru	責める	torture / harass / worry // censure	

942 KR *Growing plant and money are your **responsibility**- accept **blame** or we will **torture** & **harass** you.*

積

1. PILE UP 2. INTENTION 3. ESTIMATE 4. THE PRODUCT (IN MATH)

SEKI	SEKISETSU	積雪	fallen snow	
	SEKINEN no	積年の	of many years / long-standing	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	SEKI	積	the product	[責 responsibil 942KR]
tsu.	tsu.moru	積もる	be piled up / accumulate // estimate	
	tsu.mori	積もり	an intention / expectation // an estimate	
	tsu.mu	積む	pile up / load // accumulate / store up	

943 *Rice plants are your responsibility- **pile them up,** then give* your **intention**, an ***estimate*** *and the **product.***

績

1. ACHIEVEMENTS 2. SPINNING

SEKI	GYOOSEKI	業績	achievements / business performance	
	SEISEKI	成績	results / marks (at school)	[糸 thread 78KR]
	SEISEKIHYOO	成績表	a report card	[責 responsibil 942KR]
	BOOSEKI	紡績	spinning	

944 *Threads are your responsibility- make **achievements** by **spinning** them.*

債

DEBT

SAI	SAIMU	債務	a debt / liabilities	[亻 person 154R]
	KOKUSAI	国債	the national debt	[責 responsibil 942KR]

945 *Person is responsible for his **debts.***

漬

SOAK / PICKLE

tsu.	tsu.karu	漬かる	be soaked (steeped) in	[氵 water 101R]
	tsu.keru	漬ける	soak / pickle / steep in	[責 responsibil 942KR]
	tsukemono	漬け物	pickles	

946 *Water is responsible for **soaking & pickling**.*

果　課　菓 ~ 裸 ~ 巣

灬	**LIGHT** **947** E *Looks like rays of **light.***

果

1. FRUIT　2. RESULT　3. COME TO AN END

KA	KAJITSU	果実	fruit	
	KEKKA	結果	a result / an outcome / a consequence	
	SEIKA	成果	the result / outcome	[田 field 16KR]
ha.	ha.tasu	果たす	accomplish / complete / carry out	[木 tree 70KR]
	ha.teru	果てる	come to an end / die	
	hate	果て	the end / the final result	
	kudamono*	果物	fruit	

948 KR *Field with a tree that has **fruit** is a **result** that will **come to an end.***

課

1. ASSIGN / IMPOSE / LEVY　2. LESSON　3. SECTION

KA	KADAI	課題	a subject / theme / homework / a task	
	KAZEI	課税	taxation	[言 word 35KR]
	DAISANKA	第三課	lesson three	[果 fruit 948KR]
	KACHOO	課長	section head (business)	

949 *Words about fruit are **assigned** in the **lesson** for this **section.***

菓

1. CAKE　2. FRUIT

KA	KASHI	菓子	a cake / candy / sweets	[艹 plant 99R]
	WAGASHI	和菓子	Japanese-style confections	[果 fruit 948KR]

950 *Plant and fruit for a **cake** with **fruit.***

裸

NAKED

RA	RAFU	裸婦	a naked woman	
	RATAIGA	裸体画	a nude (painting)	[衤 clothing 358R]
hadaka	hadaka	裸	naked	[果 fruit 948KR]

951 *Clothing is the fruit of being **naked.***

巣

NEST

SOO	RANSOO	卵巣	the ovary	[灬 light 947E]
su	su	巣	a nest / hive / web / lair / den	[果 fruit 919KR]

952 *Light on fruit is where the **nest** is.*

里 理 裏 ~ 厘 ~ 埋

理

RI

1. REASON / LOGIC 2. PRINCIPLE

RI	理	reason / logic // principle	[王 king 64KR]
MURI na	無理な	unreasonable / unnatural / unjust / forced	[里 village 56KR]
CHIRIGAKU	地理学	geography	
SHINRIGAKU	心理学	psychology	

953 *King is in the village for a **reason**. Or is he here on **principle**?* Note that at the top of the page we have repeated 里 to emphasize sound-structure groupings.

裏

RI
ura

REVERSE SIDE / BACK / REAR [衣 clothing 265KR]

RIMEN	裏面	the reverse side / behind / in secret	[里 village 56KR]
ura	裏	the reverse side / back / rear // lining (clothing) // sole (shoe) // tails (coin)	

954 *Clothing in the village is worn on **the reverse side.*** Note that 里 is inserted between the top and bottom elements of 衣 . Recall 褒 791

厘

RIN

1. A 'RIN' 2. TINY AMOUNT [厂 cliff 100R]

RIN	厘	a 'rin' (old unit of currency worth 1/1000 yen) // unit of lenght ca 0.3mm	[里 village 56KR]
KUBU KURIN	九分九厘	in 9 cases out of 10 / 10 to 1 / in all probability	

955 *Cliff with a village that is **tiny** & not worth a **'rin'**.*

埋

MAI
u.

BURY

MAISOO suru	埋葬	bury	[土 earth 15KR]
u.maru	埋まる	be buried under / be filled up with	[里 village 56KR]
u.moreru	埋もれる	be buried under // remain in obscurity	
u.meru	埋める	bury / fill up	

956 *Earth by the village is where we **bury** them.*

刑 型 形 研 開 華

形

SHAPE / FORM

KEI	ENKEI	円形	a circle	
	MUKEI no	無形の	formless / intangible	[井 well 50KR]
GYOO	NINGYOO	人形	a doll	[彡 hair 342CO]
kata	kata / katachi	形	a shape / form / figure	
	katami	形見	a keepsake / memento / souvenir	

957 *Well with hair in it is in poor* ***shape***. Note the variant of 井 .We have repeated 刑 234KR and 型 235 in the top line to emphasize sound-structure groupings.

研

SHARPEN / HONE / REFINE

KEN	KENKYUU	研究	research	
	KENSHUU	研修	training / studies	[石 stone 30KR]
to.	to.gu	研ぐ	sharpen / hone (a razor) // wash (rice)	[井 well 50KR]

958 *Stone by the well is used to* ***sharpen, hone*** *&* ***refine****.*

開

1. DEVELOPMENT 2. OPEN

KAI	KAIHATSU	開発	development	
	KOOKAI no	公開の	open to the public	[門 gate 145KR]
hira.	hira.keru	開ける	become civilized / be modernized	[井 well 50KR]
	hira.ku	開く	open (a shop, a meeting)	
a.	a.ku	開く	open / begin / start	
	a.keru	開ける	open (a door, window, package, book)	

959 *Gate by the well signifies* ***development-*** *and it's* ***open****.* Recall 閉 908.

華

1. FLOWER 2. FLORID / SHOWY 3. CHINA

KA	KADOO	華道	the art of flower arrangement	[⺾ plant 99R]
	KABI na	華美な	gorgeous / gaudy / showy	
	CHUUKA-	中華	Chinese	

960 *Plant and plant in bud will produce* ***flowers*** *that are* ***florid*** *&* ***showy*** *in* ***China.***
An orphan with few structural relatives.

区 駆 ~ 欧 殴 ~ 枢

几	**WEAPON / TOOL** **961** E *From a pictograph of an ax which could be used both as a **weapon** & **a tool**.*
匚	**BOX** Name: hakogamae **962** R *Looks like a **box** (tipped on its side).*

区

KU

WARD / DISTRICT / SECTION

KUBETSU suru	区別	distinguish (between A & B)	[匚 box 962R]
KUBUN suru	区分	distribute // classify // partition / section	
KITAKU	北区	Kita Ward (in Tokyo)	
CHIKU	地区	a district / section / area	

963 KR *Box with an' X' in it represents a **ward**.* Earlier versions show that 'X' represents 品 which are three smaller enclosures, *i.e.* partitions, within an area of a city.

駆

KU
ka.

1. RUN / GALLOP 2. DRIVE 3. SPUR ON

SENKUSHA	先駆者	a forerunner / pioneer	
KUCHIKU suru	駆逐	drive away / expel / oust	[馬 horse 92KR]
ka.keru	駆ける	run / gallop / canter	[区 ward 963KR]
ka.ru	駆る	drive (a car) // urge / spur on	

964 *Horse in the ward **runs** & **gallops** because it is **driven** & **spurred on.***

欧

OO

EUROPE

OOSHUU	欧州	Europe	[区 ward 963KR]
OOBEI	欧米	Europe & America / the West	[欠 lack 28KR]

965 *Ward lacks **Europe.***

殴

OO
nagu.

BEAT [区 ward 963KR]

OODA suru	殴打	beat / hit / strike / assault	[几 weapon 961E]
nagu.ru	殴る	beat / hit / strike / knock	[又 hand 295R]

966 *Ward with weapons in hand is the place to get a **beating.***

枢

SUU

PIVOT

SUUJIKU	枢軸	a pivot / an axis / the centre	[木 tree 70KR]
CHUUSUU	中枢	the centre / pivot	[区 ward 963KR]

967 *Trees in the ward are **pivotal.***

涯 街 ~ 佳 ~ 封 ~ 掛

圭	**RAISED EARTH** **968** E *A doubling of* 土 *earth.* This element originally referred to the **raised earth** paths that form the edges and boundaries between rice paddies and fields.

涯

LIMITS / EDGE / SHORE [氵 water 101R]

GAI	KYOOGAI	境涯	one's fate (lot, circumstances)	[厂 cliff 100R]
	SHOOGAI	生涯	life / lifetime / lifelong / for life	[圭 raised earth 968E]

969 *Water at the cliff where the earth is raised marks the **limits** & **edge** of the **shore.***

街

STREET

GAI	SHIGAI	市街	a street	[行 go 4KR]
KAI	KAIDOO	街道	a highway	[圭 raised earth 968E]
machi	machi	街	a street / a town / downtown	

970 *Go on a raised earth **street.***

佳

BEAUTIFUL / FINE

KA	KAJIN	佳人	a beautiful woman	[亻 person 154R]
	KASAKU	佳作	a fine work	[圭 raised earth 968E]

971 *Person on raised earth is **beautiful** & **fine.***

封

1. SEAL 2. FIEF

FUU	FUU o suru	封をする	seal (a letter)	[圭 raised earth 968E]
	FUU o kiru	封を切る	open (a letter)	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	FUUTOO	封筒	an envelope	
HOO	HOOKEN	封建	feudalism	

[扌 hand 122R]

972 *Raised earth and a skilful hand **seal** the **fief.*** [卜 divine 653NJY]

掛

1. HANG / SUSPEND 2. COST 3. TAKE

ka.	ka.karu	掛かる	hang / be suspended // cost (money) // take (time)
	ka.keru	掛ける	hang / suspend / spend (money)

973 *Hand and raised earth divine how it will **hang**, how much it will **cost** & and how* long it will **take.** There are some 17 separate meanings for 掛かる in the dictionary.

凶 胸 ~ 離 ~ 図 ~ 刈

凶

1. BAD LUCK / DISASTER / EVIL

KYOO	KYOO	凶	bad luck / disaster	[凵 container cf. 14KR]
	KYOOSAKU	凶作	a bad harvest	
	KYOOKOO	凶行	violence / crime / murder	

974 KR *'X' indicates the container is empty- what **bad luck**!*

胸

CHEST

KYOO	KYOOBU	胸部	the chest / thorax	[月 body part 144R]
mune	mune	胸	the chest / breast // heart / mind	[勹 wrap 192R]
muna-	munage	胸毛	chest hair	[凶 bad luck 974KR]

975 *Body part that wraps up bad luck is the **chest.***

離

1. SEPARATE / PART 2. SET FREE / LET GO

RI	RIKON	離婚	a divorce	[亠 pot lid 227R]
	RIRIKU	離陸	takeoff (airplane) / lift-off (rocket)	[凶 bad luck 974KR]
hana.	hana.reru	離れる	separate from / part / leave	[内 v 禺 scorpion 850E]
	hana.su	離す	separate something from something else // set free / let go / release	[隹 bird 267R]

976 *Pot lid on bad luck: scorpion and bird have **separated**. Someone **set them free.***

図

1. DRAWING / DIAGRAM 2. PLAN

ZU	CHIZU	地図	a map	[口 enclosure 567R]
TO	TOSHOKAN	図書館	a library	
haka.	haka.ru	図る	plan	

977 *Enclosure with double dots and an 'X' is a **drawing** or **diagram** of the **plan.***

刈

CUT / CLIP / MOW

ka.	ka.ru	刈る	cut / clip / mow / trim / shear	[刂 knife 163R]

978 *Shears and a knife **cut, clip** & **mow**.* Originally 刈 was written as 乂 depicting a pair of shears. Knife was added later to emphasize 'cut'.

舌 ~ 括 活 ~ 憩 ~ 話

舌

TONGUE

ZETSU	BENZETSU	弁舌	eloquence	[千 thousand 54]
	DOKUZETSU	毒舌	a venomous (spiteful) tongue	[口 mouth 85KR]
shita	shita	舌	a tongue	

979 KR *A thousand mouths with **tongues.***

括

TIE TOGETHER

KATSU	IKKATSU suru	一括	bundle up / lump together // sum up	[扌 hand 122R]
	KAKKO	括弧	parentheses / brackets	[舌 tongue 979KR]
	kuku.ru*	括る	tie up / bind / fasten	

980 *Hand and tongue are **tied together.***

活

LIFE / ACTIVITY

KATSU	SEIKATSU	生活	life / existence	[氵 water 101R]
	KATSUDOO	活動	activity / action	[舌 tongue 979KR]

981 *Water on tongue is a sign of **life** & **activity**.*

憩

REST

KEI	KYUUKEI	休憩	a rest / recess / break	[舌 tongue 979KR]
	SHOOKEI	小憩	a brief rest / a break	[自 self 1567KR]
iko.	iko.u	憩う	rest	[心 heart 61KR]

982 *Tongue, self and heart should **rest.***

話

1. CONVERSATION 2. SPEAK / TALK 3. A TALE

WA	KAIWA	会話	a conversation	[言 word 35KR]
	DENWA	電話	a telephone	[舌 tongue 979KR]
hanashi	hanashi	話	a talk / conversation / chat // story / tale	
hana.	hana.su	話す	speak / talk	

983 *Words are on tongue when having a **conversation**, **speaking** or telling a **tale.***

元 頑 ~ 完 冠 ~ 院

元

ORIGIN / FOUNDATION

GAN	GANJITSU	元日	New Year's Day	
	GANKIN	元金	principal (*vs.* interest)	[二 two 38KR]
GEN	GENKI	元気	good health / spirits / energy	[儿 legs 302R]
moto	moto	元	the origin / foundation / source / cause / basis // capital / principal	

984 KR *Two legs of the same **origin.***

頑

STUBBORN

GAN	GANKO	頑固	stubbornness / obstinacy / bigotry	[元 origin 984KR]
	GANbaru	頑張る	stand firm / stick to it / persist	[頁 forehead 453R]

985 *Origin in the forehead of being **stubborn.***

完

COMPLETE

KAN	KANSEI	完成	completion	[宀 house 107R]
	KANZEN na	完全な	complete / perfect / faultless	[元 origin 984KR]

986 KR *House with an origin (foundation) is **complete.***

冠

CROWN

KAN	OOKAN	王冠	a crown	[冖 cover 247R]
kanmuri	kanmuri	冠	a crown // 'kanmuri' (the topmost radical of a kanji *eg.* kusakanmuri 99R)	[元 origin 984KR] [寸 skilful hand 55KR]

987 *Cover the origin with a skilful hand to get the **crown.***

院

INSTITUTION

IN	BYOOIN	病院	a hospital	[阝 hill 185R]
	NYUUIN	入院	admission to a hospital	[完 complete 986KR]
	BIYOOIN	美容院	a beauty parlour (salon)	

988 *Hill is complete- there is an **institution** on it.*

直 ~ 植 殖 ~ 値 置

直

1. DIRECT 2. HONEST 3. FIX / CORRECT 4. CURE 5. IMMEDIATELY

CHOKU	CHOKUSETSU	直接の	direct	
JIKI	SHOOJIKI na	正直な	honest	
nao.	nao.ru	直る	be fixed (corrected) // get well	[十 ten 52KR]
	nao.su	直す	fix / correct // cure	[目 eye 86KR]
su.	su.gu	直ぐ	immediately / at once	[⌞ corner cf 436KR]
tada.	tada.chi ni	直ちに	immediately / at once	

989 KR *Ten eyes look in a corner- then give a **direct** & **honest** (opinion) on how to **fix** and **cure** it **immediately.***

植

PLANT

SHOKU	SHOKUBUTSU	植物	a plant	[木 tree 70KR]
u.	u.waru	植わる	be planted	[直 direct 989KR]
	u.eru	植える	plant / sow / grow	

990 *Tree direct(ly) **planted.***

殖

INCREASE

SHOKU	ZOOSHOKU	増殖	an increase / proliferation	
fu.	fu.eru	殖える	something increases / grows in number (quantity) / multiplies	[歹 bare bones 367E] [直 direct 989KR]
	fu.yasu	殖やす	increase / add to	

991 *Bare bones direct(ly) **increase.***

値

1. PRICE 2. VALUE

CHI	KACHI	価値	value / worth / merit	
ne	ne	値	a price	[亻 person 154R]
	nedan	値段	a price	[直 direct 989KR]
atai	atai	値	price / value	

992 *Person direct(ly) gives the **price** and **value**.*

置

PUT / PLACE / SET / LEAVE AS IS

CHI	HOOCHI suru	放置	let alone / leave as is // neglect	[目 eye 86KR]
	ICHI	位置	a position / situation / location	[直 direct 989KR]
o.	o.ku	置く	put / place / set / leave as is	
	okimono	置き物	an ornament	

993 *Eye direct(ly) **puts, places, sets it down** or **leaves it as it is.***

甘 ~ 紺 ~ 某 謀 ~ 媒

甘

1. SWEET 2. INDULGENT 3. PRESUME UPON

KAN	KANGEN	甘言	honeyed words / flattery
ama.	ama.i	甘い	sweet // indulgent / generous // silly / simple minded / soppy
	ama.eru	甘える	act spoiled // coax / wheedle // fawn on / presume upon
	ama.e	甘え	psychological dependence on another person
	ama.yakasu	甘やかす	pamper / spoil (a child)

994 KR *Mouth with something **sweet** in it- be **indulgent** as I **presume upon** you (to* give me some). From a depiction of a mouth with something in it.

紺

DARK BLUE

KON	KON	紺	dark (navy) blue	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KON'IRO	紺色	dark (navy) blue	[甘 sweet 994KR]

995 *Threads are a sweet **dark blue**.*

某

A CERTAIN...

BOO	BOO	某	a certain... / a certain person	[甘 sweet 994KR]
	BOOSHI	某氏	a certain person	[木 tree 70KR]
	BOOSHO	某所	a certain place	

996 KR *Sweet tree for **a certain person.***

謀

PLOT / PLAN

BOO	INBOO	陰謀	a plot / conspiracy	[言 word 35KR]
	KYOOBOO	共謀	a conspiracy / collusion	[某 a certain 996KR]
MU	MUHON*	謀反	rebellion / revolt / conspiracy / treason	
haka.	haka.ru	謀る	plan / plot	

997 *Words about a certain **plot** or **plan.*** *HON is a rare reading of 反 1145.

媒

GO-BETWEEN

BAI	BAIKAI	媒介	mediation	[女 woman 96KR]
	SHOKUBAI	触媒	a catalyst	[某 a certain 996KR]

998 *Woman and a certain **go-between.***

根 恨 眼 限 銀 退

根

1. ROOT 2. ORIGIN / BASIS 3. PERSEVERENCE

KON	DAIKON	大根	a ' daikon' / a Japanese radish	[木 tree 70KR]
	KONPON	根本	the origin / source // foundation / basis	[艮 not good 423]
	KONKI	根気	perseverence / patience / endurance	
ne	ne	根	a root // the origin / source	

999 *Tree not good at its **roots**, which are the **origin** of its **perseverence.***

恨

1. BEAR A GRUDGE 2. REGRET

KON	IKON	遺恨	a grudge / enmity / malice	[忄 feelings 133R]
	TSUUKON	痛恨	bitter regret / deep sorrow	[*v.s.* not good 423]
ura.	ura.mu	恨む	bear a grudge / resent // regret	

1000 *Feelings not good when you **bear a grudge**- you'll **regret** it.*

眼

EYE

GAN	GANKAI	眼科医	an eye doctor / an ophthalmologist	[目 eye 86KR]
manako	chimanako	血眼	bloodshot eyes	[*v.s.* not good 423]

1001 *Eye not good, but it's still an **eye**.*

限

1. LIMIT 2. BE THE BEST

GEN	GENDO	限度	a limit	[阝 hill 185R]
	MUGEN	無限	infinity	[*v.s.* not good 423]
kagi.	kagi.ru	限る	limit / set limits to // be the best	

1002 *Hill not good because it **limits** what can **be the best.***

銀

SILVER

GIN	GIN	銀	silver	[金 metal 10KR]
	GINKOO	銀行	a bank	[*v.s.* not good 423]

1003 *Metal not good- it's only **silver.***

退

RETREAT / WITHDRAW

TAI	TAIKYO	退去	a withdrawal / an evacuation	[辶 movement 178R]
	TAIKUTSU	退屈	boredom / ennui / tedium / monotony	[*v.s.* not good 423]
	TAISHOKU	退職	retirement / resignation	
shirizo.	shirizo.ku	退く	retreat / withdraw / retire from	
	shirizo.keru	退ける	drive away / repel / reject	

1004 *Movement not good- it's a **retreat.***

倍 培 賠 陪 ~ 部 ~ 剖

音

SPIT [立 stand up 25KR]
1005 CO *Stand up with an open mouth and **spit.*** [口 mouth 85KR]

倍

1. DOUBLE 2. -FOLD

BAI

BAI	倍	double / twice / two-fold	[亻 person 154R]
GOBAI	五倍	five-fold	[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]

1006 *Person spits then **doubles** (his efforts).*

培

CULTIVATE / CULTURE

BAI

SAIBAI suru	栽培	cultivate / grow	[土 earth 15KR]
BAIYOO suru	培養	culture (bacteria)	[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]
tsuchika. tsuchika.u	培う	cultivate / foster	

1007 *Earth spits out produce when **cultivated.***

賠

COMPENSATE

BAI

BAISHOO	賠償	compensation / reparation	[貝 money 91KR]
BAISHOOKIN	賠償金	damages / reparations	[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]

1008 *Money spat on- it's no **compensation.***

陪

ACCOMPANY / ATTEND ON

BAI

BAISHIN	陪審	a jury	[阝 hill 185R]
			[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]

1009 *Hill of spit **accompanies** (tobacco chewing).*

部

1. PART / PORTION 2. A SECTION

BU

BUBUN	部分	a part / portion // a section	[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]
BUCHOO	部長	a department head	[阝 village 347R]
NAIBU	内部	the inside / interior	
heya*	部屋	a room	

1010 *Spitting in the village occurs in every **part** & **section.***

剖

CUT UP / DIVIDE

BOO

KAIBOO	解剖	dissection / an autopsy	[*v.s.* spit 1005CO]
KAIBOOGAKU	解剖学	anatomy	[刂 knife 163R]

1011 *Spit on the knife before you **cut up** & **divide** (the cadaver).*

正 政 征 整 ~ 証 症

正

1. CORRECT 2. JUST / PROPER

SEI	SEI	正	correct / right // just / proper // positive (number) // regular / full	
	FUSEI na	不正な	unjust / unfair / foul / improper / illegal / illegitimate / wrong	
SHOO	SHOOGATSU	正月	the New Year / New Year's Day	
	SHOOJIKI na	正直な	honest / upright	[一 one 37KR]
masa	masa ni	正に	exactly / precisely / certainly	[止 stop 3KR]
tada.	tada.su	正す	correct / amend / revise	
	tada.shii	正しい	correct / right // just / proper / upright / truthful / honest // lawful	

1012 KR *One stop is **correct, just & proper.***

政

GOVERNMENT

SEI	SEIFU	政府	the government	
	SEIJI	政治	politics	[正 correct 1012KR]
matsurigoto	matsurigoto	政	politics	[攵 strike 200R]

1013 *Correct strike by the **government.***

征

CONQUER

SEI	SEIFUKU	征服	conquest / subjugation / mastery	[彳 go 482R] [正 correct 1012KR]

1014 *Go correctly to **conquer.***

整

1. PUT IN ORDER 2. PREPARE / GET READY

SEI	SEIRI suru	整理	put in order / arrange / adjust	[束 bundle 1018KR]
totono.	totono.u	整う	be in order / be ready (prepared, settled)	[攵 strike 200R]
	totono.eru	整える	put in order / fix // prepare for / get ready // arrange / settle	[正 correct 1012KR]

1015 *Bundle struck correctly to **put it in order** and to **prepare** & **get ready.***

証

PROOF

SHOO	SHOOMEI	証明	proof / evidence / verification	[言 word 35KR]
	SHOONIN	証人	a witness	[正 correct 1012KR]

1016 *Word is correct- that's **proof.***

症

SYMPTOMS

SHOO	SHOOJOO	症状	symptoms	[疒 sickness 215R]
	ENSHOO	炎症	inflammation	[正 correct 1012KR]
	JUUSHOO	重症	a serious illness	

1017 *Sickness has the correct **symptoms.***

束 速 ~ 勅 ~ 疎 ~ 頼 ~ 瀬

束

BUNDLE

SOKU	YAKUSOKU	約束	a promise // an appointment	[木 tree 70KR]
taba	taba	束	a bundle / bunch / batch	[口 bundle]
	hanataba	花束	a bouquet	

1018 KR *Tree with a **bundle**.* From a pictograph of a pole with a bundle.

速

FAST

SOKU	SOKUDO	速度	speed / velocity	[辶 movement 178R]
haya.	haya.i	速い	fast / quick / rapid // early / premature	[束 bundle 1018KR]
sumiya.	sumiya.ka na	速かな	fast / quick / prompt / immediate	

1019 *Movement of bundle is **fast.***

勅

IMPERIAL EDICT

CHOKU	CHOKUGO	勅語	an Imperial edict	[束 bundle 1018KR]
				[力 power 17KR]

1020 *Bundle of power in an **Imperial edict.***

疎

1. BE ESTRANGED FROM 2. SHUN / TREAT COLDLY 3. BE IGNORANT OF

SO	SOEN	疎遠	estrangement / alienation / long silence
uto.	uto.njiru	疎んじる	shun / treat coldly / neglect / ignore
	uto.i	疎い	be ignorant of / be unacquainted with / be out of touch with

1021 *Correct bundle is **estranged from** (its owner) who **shuns** it and is **ignorant of** it.*
Note variant of 正 correct 1012KR.

頼

1. ASK / REQUEST 2. ENTRUST 3. RELY / DEPEND ON

RAI	IRAI suru	依頼	ask / request // entrust // rely on	[束 bundle 1018KR]
tano.	tano.mu	頼む	ask / request // entrust // rely on	[頁 forehead 453R]
	tano.moshii	頼もしい	reliable / trustworthy / promising	
tayo.	tayo.ru	頼る	rely on / depend on / look to for help	

1022 KR *Bundle on forehead- I **ask** a favour: can I **entrust** you with it and **rely on** you?*

瀬

RAPIDS / SHALLOWS / SHOAL

se	se	瀬	rapids / shallows / shoal	[氵 water 101R]
	Setonaikai	瀬戸内海	the Inland Sea (Japan)	[頼 rely on 1022KR]

1023 *Water you can rely on has no **rapids, shallows & shoals.***

煩 頒 ~ 頑 願 顔 ~ 頻

煩

1. WORRY ABOUT 2. SUFFER FROM 3. COMPLICATED / TROUBLESOME

HAN	HANZATSU na	煩雑な	complicated / troublesome	
wazura.	wazura.u	煩う	be worried about // suffer from	[火 fire 18KR]
	wazura.washii	煩わしい	troublesome / annoying // complicated	[頁 forehead 453R]

1024 *Fire in the forehead- I **worry about** things & **suffer from** them because they are **complicated** & **troublesome.***

頒

DISTRUBUTION

HAN	HANPU	頒布	distribution	[分 divide 1104KR]
				[頁 forehead 453R]

1025 *Divided forehead on **distribution.***

願

1. WISH / DESIRE 2. REQUEST

GAN	NENGAN	念願	one's heart's desire / one's fondest wish	[原 original 104KR]
	SHIGAN suru	志願	desire / aspire to // apply for / volunteer	[頁 forehead 453R]
nega.	nega.u	願う	wish / desire // request / implore / beg	

1026 *Original forehead has a **wish, desire** & **request**.* Note that 頑 985 is included in the top line to indicate structure-sound relations.

顔

FACE

GAN	GANMEN	顔面	the face	[立 stand up 25KR]
kao	kao	顔	a face // a look / an expression // honour	[厂 cliff 100R]
	kaoiro	顔色	complexion // a look / an expression	[彡 hair 342CO]
				[頁 forehead 453R]

1027 *Standing on a cliff with hair on one's forehead- what a **face**!*

頻

FREQUENTLY

HIN	HINPAN ni	頻繁に	frequently	[歩 walk 1208KR]
	HINDO	頻度	frequency	[頁 forehead 453R]

1028 *Walk with forehead **frequently.***

主 柱 注 駐 住 往

主

1. MASTER / LORD 2. MAIN

SHU	SHUJIN	主人	a master // a landlord // one's husband	[丶 emphatically 138E]
	SHUYOO na	主要な	main / principal / leading / chief	[王 king 64KR]
nushi	yanushi	家主	a landlord (landlady)	
omo	omo na	主な	main / principal / leading / chief	

1029 KR *Emphatically, the king is **master** & that's the **main** thing.* Originally a depiction of a long-stemmed oil lamp symbolizing the master of the house who issued the orders for the lamp to be lit.

柱

PILLAR / POST / COLUMN

CHUU	DENCHUU	電柱	a utility pole	[木 tree 70KR]
	ENCHUU	円柱	a column / cylinder	[主 master 1029KR]
hashira	hashira	柱	a pillar / post / column / pole	

1030 *Tree and master are both **pillars.***

注

1. NOTE 2. POUR

CHUU	CHUUI suru	注意	note / pay attention / be careful	[氵 water 101R]
soso.	soso.gu	注ぐ	pour // irrigate // flow into	[主 master 1029KR]

1031 *Water and master- **take note** and **pour** him some.*

駐

1. STOP 2. RESIDE

CHUU	CHUUSHAJOO	駐車場	a parking lot	[馬 horse 92KR]
	CHUUNICHI	駐日	resident (stationed) in Japan	[主 master 1000KR]

1032 *Horse and master **stop** where they **reside**.*

住

LIVE / DWELL / RESIDE

JUU	JUUSHO	住所	one's address	[亻 person 154R]
su.	su.mu	住む	live / dwell / reside	[主 master 1029KR]

1033 *Person and his master **live** there.*

往

GO

OO	OOFUKU	往復	a round trip	[彳 go 482R]
	OORAI	往来	traffic // a street / road	[主 master 1029KR]

1034 *Go, master, **go**!*

良 ~ 浪 朗 郎 廊 ~ 娘

良

RYOO / **yo.**

GOOD

RYOO	良	good		
SAIRYOO no	最良の	best	[良 good 423]
FURYOO no	不良の	bad / evil / defective / inferior	
yo.i	良い	good	

1035 KR *From a pictograph showing a sieve into which material was poured and from which sifted material flowed. What was retained in the sieve was* ***good.***

浪

ROO

1. WAVES 2. WANDER

HAROO	波浪	waves	[氵water 101R]
ROONIN	浪人	a 'ronin' / a lordless samurai	[良 good 423]

1036 *Water with good* ***waves*** *that* ***wander.*** Modern 'ronin' are students who have failed their university entrance exams and are preparing for another try.

朗

ROO / **hoga.**

CLEAR / BRIGHT / CHEERFUL

MEIROO na	明朗な	bright / cheerful / sunny	[良 good 423]
hoga.raka na	朗らか	clear / melodious // bright / cheerful	[月 moon 58KR]

1037 *Good moon is* ***clear, bright*** *&* ***cheerful.*** Note variant of 良 .

郎

ROO

1. MAN / HUSBAND 2. SUFFIX FOR MALE NAMES

SHINROO	新郎	a bridegroom	[良 good 423]
TAROO	太郎	Taro (given name for a male)	[阝village 347R]

1038 KR *Good village has a* ***man*** *called* ***Taro.***

廊

ROO

CORRIDOR / HALL

ROOKA	廊下	a corridor / hallway / passage	[广 building 186R]
			[郎 man 1038KR]

1039 *Building with a man in the* ***corridor.***

娘

musume

DAUGHTER / GIRL

musume	娘	a daughter / girl	[女 woman 96KR]
musumegokoro	娘心	a girlish mind / innocence	[良 good 423]

1040 *Woman with a good* ***daughter.***

合 ~ 答 塔 搭 ~ 給 ~ 拾

合

1. FIT / MATCH 2. PUT TOGETHER

GOO	GOORI	合理	rationality	[亼 lid 227R]
GA'	GATTAI	合体	combination / union / merger	[口 container]
KA'	KASSEN	合戦	a battle / fight / contest	
a.	a.u	合う	fit / match / suit / agree with / be right	
	a.waseru	合わせる	put together / unite / join	

1041 KR *Lid on container **fits** when they are **put together**.*

答

ANSWER

TOO	TOOAN	答案	an answer / an examination paper / a paper (in chemistry)	
kota.	kota.eru	答える	answer / reply	
	kotae	答え	an answer / a reply / response	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]

1042 *Bamboo fits as the **answer.*** [合 fit 1041KR]

塔

TOWER

TOO	TOO	塔	a tower	[土 earth 15KR]
	GOJUU no TOO	五重の塔	a five story pagoda	[⺾ plant 99R]
				[合 fit 1041KR]

1043 *Earth with plants that fit the **tower**.*

搭

1. LOAD 2. BOARD

TOO	TOOSAI suru	搭載	load (goods on a truck)	[扌 hand 122R]
	TOOJOO suru	搭乗	board / get on (a plane)	[⺾ plant 99R]
				[合 fit 1041KR]

1044 *Hand with plants that fit- **load** them & then **get on board.***

給

SUPPLY

KYUU	KYUUSUI	給水	the water supply (service)	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KYUURYOO	給料	a salary / wages / pay	[合 fit 1041KR]

1045 *Threads that fit are **supplied.***

拾

1. PICK UP / FIND 2. TEN (IN DOCUMENTS) [扌 hand 122R]

SHUU	SHUUTOKU suru	拾得	pick up / find	[合 fit 1041KR]
JUU	JUUSAN	拾参	thirteen (in a document) Recall 参 505	
hiro.	hiro.u	拾う	pick up / find	

1046 *Hand that fits can **pick up ten** of what it **finds**.*

望 妄 忙 忘 ~ 盲 網

冂

NET & SIMPLE NET

1047 E *From a pictograph* 罔 *of a fishing* ***net*** *with hauling ropes.* ***Simple net*** 冂 *lacks the hauling ropes.*

望

1. WISH / DESIRE / HOPE FOR

BOO	SHIBOO	志望	a wish / desire / aspiration	[亡 dead 82KR]
	SHITSUBOO	失望	disappointment / despair	[月 body 144R]
MOO	TAIMOO	大望	a great desire / ambition	[王 king 64KR]
nozo.	nozo.mu	望む	wish / desire / hope for	

1048 *Dead body of the king- I* ***wish, desire*** *&* ***hope for*** *it!*

妄

IRRATIONAL / RECKLESS

BOO/	MOOSOO**	妄想	wild fantasies / delusions	[亡 dead 82KR]
MOO	MOOGEN**	妄言	a reckless remark / thoughtless words	[女 woman 96KR]

**Also read BOOSOO and BOOGEN

1049 *Dead woman was* ***irrational*** *&* ***reckless.***

忙

BUSY

BOO	BOOSATSU sareru	忙殺	being worked to death	[忄 feelings 133R]
isoga.	isoga.shii	忙しい	be busy	[亡 dead 82KR]

1050 *Feelings are dead I'm so* ***busy.***

忘

FORGET

BOO	BOONENKAI	忘年会	a year-end party	[亡 dead 82KR]
wasu.	wasu.reru	忘れる	forget	[心 heart 61KR]

1051 *Dead heart* ***forgets.***

盲

BLIND

MOO	MOOJIN	盲人	a blind person	[目 eye 86KR]
	MOOJUU	盲従	blind obedience	[亡 dead 82KR]
	MOOSHIN	盲信	irrational belief / credulity	

1052 *Dead eye is* ***blind.***

網

NET / NETWORK

MOO	GYOMOO	漁網	a fishing net	[糸 thread 78KR]
ami	ami	網	a net / a fishing net	[冂 net 1047E]
				[亡 dead 82KR]

1053 *Thread net for the dead is a* ***net*** *indeed!*

組 祖 租 粗 阻 助 畳

組

1. GROUP 2. PUT TOGETHER

SO	SOSHIKI	組織	an organization / a structure / system	[糸 thread 78KR]
kumi	kumi	組	a group / class / party / team / pack	[且 piled up 29KR]
ku.	ku.mu	組む	unite (pair up) with // put together / assemble	

1054 *Threads piled up in a **group** and then **put together.***

祖

ANCESTOR

SO	SOSEN	祖先	an ancestor	[礻 altar 330R]
	SOKOKU	祖国	one's fatherland (motherland)	[且 piled up 29KR]

1055 *Altar piled up for our **ancestors.***

租

CROP TAX / LEVY

SO	SOZEI	租税	a tax	[禾 rice plant 213R]

1056 *Rice plants piled up for the **crop tax** & **levy**.* [且 piled up 29KR]

粗

COARSE / ROUGH

SO	SOMATSU na	粗末な	coarse / rough / crude // careless / rude	[米 rice 72KR]
ara.	ara.i	粗い	coarse / rough / rugged	[且 piled up 29KR]

1057 *Rice piled up is **coarse** & **rough**.*

阻

OBSTRUCT / HINDER

SO	SOSHI	阻止	an obstruction	[阝 hill 185R]
haba.	haba.mu	阻む	obstruct / hinder / prevent / thwart	[且 piled up 29KR]

1058 *Hills piled up **obstruct** & **hinder**.*

助

HELP / RESCUE

JO	JOSHU	助手	a helper / an assistant	[且 piled up 29KR]
tasu.	tasu.karu	助かる	be rescued / saved / spared	[力 power 17KR]
	tasu.keru	助ける	help / aid / assist / rescue / save	

1059 *Piled up power will **help** & **rescue**.*

畳

1. TATAMI MAT 2. FOLD UP

JOO	ROKUJOO	六畳	a six-mat room	[田 folded item]
tatami	tatami	畳	a tatami mat (approx.1x2 m)	[冖 cover 247R]
tata.	tata.mu	畳む	fold up (clothing, bedding)	[且 piled up 29KR]

1060 *Folded item that covers and can be piled up is a **tatami mat**.*

昔　惜　籍　。。。

昔

ANCIENT TIMES / LONG LONG AGO

SEKI	SEKIJITSU	昔日	ancient times / long long ago	[共 together 32KR]
SHAKU	KONJAKU	今昔	past and present	[日 sun 57KR]
mukashi	mukashi	昔	ancient times / long long ago	

1061 KR *Together in the sun in **ancient times**.* Note variant of 共 .

惜

1. REGRET　2. PRECIOUS　3. WASTEFUL　4. BEGRUDGE　5. VALUE

SEKI	SEKIBETSU	惜別	reluctant parting	
	SEKIHAI	惜敗	a narrow defeat	[忄 feelings 133R]
o.	o.shii	惜しい	regrettable / a pity // precious // wasteful	[昔 ancient t 1061KR]
	o.shimu	惜しむ	begrudge // value / hold dear // deplore	

1062 *Feelings about ancient times: I **regret** what was **precious** & **wasteful** and **begrudge** what was **valued**.*

籍

REGISTER

SEKI	KOSEKI	戸籍	a family register / a census register	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
	KOKUSEKI	国籍	one's nationality / citizenship	[木 tree 70KR]
				[昔 ancient t 1061KR]

1063 *Bamboo and many-branched tree from ancient times are in the **register**.*

Although the etymology of this complex kanji is far from easy, it can be seen to be composed of bamboo, here meaning bamboo writing tablets upon which records, such as a census of families, were kept. Many branched tree (merely a mnemonic aid in this text) in fact may represent a piece of wood in which notches were cut as a tally, and in this sense reinforces the idea of a register. Ancient times 昔 signifies the long-standing nature of such family registers in Japan.

。。。錯 ~ 借 ~ 措。散

錯

MIX UP / BE IN DISORDER

SAKU	SAKUGO	錯誤	an error / a mistake / falacy	[金 metal 10KR]
	SAKURAN	錯乱	distraction / derangement / confusion	[昔 ancient t 1061KR]

1064 *Metals in ancient times were often **mixed up** & **in disorder.***

借

1. BORROW 2. RENT

SHAKU	SHAKUYOO suru	借用	borrow	[亻 person 154R]
	SHAKUYA	借家	a rented house	[昔 ancient t 1061KR]
	SHAKKIN	借金	a debt	
ka.	ka.riru	借りる	borrow // rent	

1065 *Person in ancient times **borrowed** & **rented.***

措

PUT / PLACE / SET / LEAVE AS IS

SO	SOCHI	措置	a measure / step	[扌 hand 122R]
	o.ku*	措く	put / place / set / leave as is	[昔 ancient t 1061KR]

1066 *Hand in ancient times **put, placed** & **set** things down or **left them as is.***
Note oku 置く 993 which is more commonly used.

散

SCATTER

SAN	SANPO	散歩	a walk / stroll	
	KAISAN suru	解散	break up / disperse / disband	[共 together 32KR]
chi.	chi.ru	散る	be scattered / dispersed	[月 moon 58KR]
	chi.rakaru	散らかる	be in disorder / be scattered about	[攵 strike 200R]
	chi.rasu	散らす	scatter / disperse / strew / litter	
	chi.rakasu	散らかす	scatter about / litter / disarrange	

1067 *Together moon (beams) strike- then **scatter.*** Note variant of 共 .

東 凍 棟 練 錬 欄 陳

東

TOO
higashi

EAST

TOOKYOO	東京	Tokyo	[日 sun 57KR]
higashi	東	the east	[木 tree 70KR]

1068 KR *Sun rising behind trees is in the* ***east.***

凍

TOO
koo.
kogo.

FREEZE

TOOSHOO	凍傷	frostbite	[冫 ice 214R]
koo.ru	凍る	freeze up	[東 east 1068KR]
kogo.eru	凍える	be frozen / become numb with the cold	

1069 *Ice in the east* ***freezes.***

棟

TOO
mune

1. RIDGE OF A ROOF 2. A BUILDING

BYOOTOO	病棟	a ward (in a hospital)	[木 tree 70KR]
mune	棟	the ridge of a roof	[東 east 1068KR]
futamune	二棟	two buildings / two houses	

1070 *Tree in the east is used for the* ***ridge of a roof*** *in* ***buildings.***

練

REN
ne.

1. KNEAD 2. REFINE / POLISH 3. TEMPER 4. TRAIN / DRILL

RENSHUU	練習	drill / practice / training
ne.ru	練る	knead (dough) // refine // temper // train / drill

1071 *Threads in the east-* ***knead, refine, polish, temper, train*** *&* ***drill*** *them.*

錬

REN

1. FORGE / TEMPER 2. REFINE / POLISH 3. TRAIN / DRILL

TANREN suru	鍛錬	forge / temper // train / drill
SEIREN suru	精錬	refine (metal)

1072 *Metal in the east is* ***forged, tempered, refined, polished, trained*** *&* ***drilled.***

欄

RAN

1. NEWSPAPER COLUMN 2. A RAILING [糸 thread 78KR]

RAN	欄	a column (in a newspaper, form)	[金 metal 10KR]
TOOSHORAN	投書欄	letters-to-the-editor column	[門 gate 145KR]
RANKAN	欄干	a railing / handrail / banister	

1073 *Tree and gate in the east resemble a* ***newspaper column*** *or a* ***railing.***

陳

CHIN

1. STATE / EXPLAIN 2. EXHIBIT / SHOW

CHINJUTSU	陳述	a statement / declaration	[阝 hill 185R]
CHINRETSU	陳列	an exhibition / a display / show	[東 east 1068KR]

1074 *Hill in the east-* ***state*** *&* ***explain*** *why it is being* ***exhibited.***

干 汗 肝 幹 刊 ~ 軒 ~ 岸

干

1. DRY 2. INFRINGE 3. FEW

KAN	KANCHOO	干潮	low tide
	KANSHOO suru	干渉	intervene / interfere (meddle) in
	JAKKAN	若干	few / some / a little
hi.	hi.ru	干る	become dry (parched)
ho.	ho.su	干す	dry something // drain a glass / drink up

1075 KR *Rack for **drying** (socks) **infringes** on a **few**.*

汗

SWEAT

KAN	HAKKAN	発刊	sweat / perspiration	[氵 water 101R]
ase	ase	汗	sweat / perspiration	[干 dry 1075KR]

1076 *Water will dry when you **sweat.***

肝

1. LIVER 2. COURAGE / SPIRIT [月 body part 144R]

KAN	KANZOO	肝臓	the liver	[干 dry 1075KR]
kimo	kimo	肝	the liver // courage / spirit	

1077 *Body part that dries out is the **liver**, the seat of **courage** & **spirit**.*

幹

1. MAIN PART 2. TRUNK [日 sun 57KR]

KAN	KANBU	幹部	the executive / management	[艹 plant 99R]
	SHINKANSEN	新幹線	Japanese Bullet Train	[人 person 94KR]
miki	miki	幹	a tree trunk	

1078 *Sun rising between plants as a person dries his **main part** by a **tree trunk**.*

刊

PUBLISH

KAN	KANKOO suru	刊行	publish	[干 dry 1075KR]

1079 *Dry knife used in **publishing**.* [刂 knife 163R]

軒

1. EAVES 2. COUNTER FOR HOUSES

KEN	IKKEN	一軒	one house	[車 vehicle 40KR]
noki	noki	軒	eaves	[干 dry 1075KR]

1080 *Vehicle kept dry by the **eaves** of **1, 2, 3...houses.***

岸

SHORE / COAST / BANK

GAN	KAIGAN	海岸	the seashore / coast	[山 mountain 20KR]
kishi	kishi	岸	the shore / coast / bank	[厂 cliff 100R]
				[干 dry 1075KR]

1081 *Mountain and cliff dry out by the **shore.***

豆 頭 痘 闘 。。。

豆

1. BEAN 2. MINI-

TOO	TOOFU	豆腐	tofu / bean curd
ZU	DAIZU	大豆	soybean
mame	mame	豆	beans / peas / soybeans
	mameNINGYOO	豆人形	a miniature doll

1082 KR *One **bean** on a **mini**-stand.*

頭

1. HEAD / TOP 2. BRAINS / INTELLECT 3. LEADER 4. COUNTER FOR CATTLE

TOO	SENTOO	先頭	(in the) lead / (at the head	
	NITOO	二頭	two head (of cattle)	
ZU	ZUTSUU	頭痛	a headache	[豆 bean 1082KR]
atama	atama	頭	a head / top // brains / intellect	[頁 forehead 453R]
kashira	kashira	頭	a head // a chief / leader / boss	

1083 *Bean forehead has a **head** and **brains** and she's our **leader** for **counting cattle**.*

痘

SMALLPOX

TOO	TENNENTOO	天然痘	smallpox	[疒 sickness 215R]
	SUITOO	水痘	chickenpox	[豆 bean 1082KR]
	SHUTOO	種痘	vaccination	

1084 *Sickness producing bean-like pustules is **smallpox**.*

闘

FIGHT

TOO	TOOSOO	闘争	a fight / conflict / struggle // strike	[門 gate 145KR]
tataka.	tataka.u	闘う	fight	[豆 bean 1082KR]
				[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

1085 *Gate is where beans and a skilful hand caused a **fight**.*

○ ○ ○ 登 ~ 澄 ~ 短

癶 **HAIRY SPREAD LEGS** [Name: hatsugashira]

1086 R *Looks like **hairy spread legs**.*

登 CLIMB

TOO	TOOJOO	登場	a stage entrance / an appearance	[癶 hairy s. legs 1086R]
TO	TOZAN	登山	mountain climbing	[豆 bean 1082KR]
nobo.	nobo.ru	登る	climb	

1087 KR *Hairy spread legs and beans needed to **climb.***

澄 BECOME CLEAR

CHOO	SEICHOO na	清澄な	clear / lucid / serene	
su.	su.mu	澄む	become clear (lucid, transparent)	[氵 water 101R]
	su.masu	澄ます	clarify // prick up one's ears / listen attentively // put on airs / look prim	[登 climb 1087KR]

1088 *Water as one climbs **becomes clear**.*

短 SHORT

TAN	TANKI	短気	a short temper	[矢 arrow 80KR]
mijika.	mijika.i	短い	short	[豆 bean 1082KR]

1089 *Arrow and bean: the bean is **short**.* Think of it as a side-by-side comparison.

尺 釈 択 沢 訳 駅 尽

尺

SHAKU

1. MEASURE 2. A 'SHAKU'

SHAKU	尺	a 'shaku' / the Japanese foot (ca.30 cm)	
SHAKUDO	尺度	linear measure / scale / standard	
SHAKUHACHI	尺八	a 'shakuhachi' / a bamboo flute	

1090 KR *"R" is a **measure** of one **'shaku'**.*

釈

SHAKU

EXPLANATION [ノ emphatically 138E]

SHAKUMEI	釈明	an explanation	[米 rice 72KR]

1091 *Emphatically rice is measured- that's the **explanation.*** [尺 measure 1090KR]

択

TAKU

SELECTION / CHOICE

SENTAKU	選択	selection / choice	[扌 hand 122R]

1092 *Hand measures then makes a **selection.*** [尺 measure 1090KR]

沢

TAKU

sawa

1. SWAMP 2. MUCH / MANY

SHOOTAKU	沼沢	swamps / marshes / bogs	[氵 water 101R]
TAKUSAN	沢山	much / many / plenty	[尺 measure 1090KR]
sawa	沢	a swamp	

1093 *Water measured in the **swamp.***

訳

YAKU

wake

1. TRANSLATION 2. REASON

YAKUsu	訳す	translate	[言 word 35KR]
HON'YAKU	翻訳	a translation	[尺 measure 1090KR]
wake	訳	reason / grounds / circumstances	

1094 *Words measured during **translation**- it stands to **reason.***

駅

EKI

STATION

EKI	駅	a station (train)	[馬 horse 92KR]

1095 *Horses measured at the **station.*** [尺 measure 1090KR]

尽

JIN
tsu.

1. EXHAUST / USE UP 2. EXERT ONESELF / MAKE EFFORTS

JINRYOKU suru	尽力	exert oneself / make efforts / endeavour to
tsu.kiru	尽きる	be exhausted (used up) // expire
tsu.kusu	尽くす	exert oneself / make efforts // exhaust / use up

1096 *Measuring twice **exhausts** (resources) because one has to **exert oneself.***

勺 酌 約 的 釣 均 匁

勺

SHAKU

A 'SHAKU'

ISSHAKU 一勺 one 'shaku' (a unit of volume, ca.18 ml.)

1097 KR *From a pictograph of a ladle or scoop* 勺 *with something in it.*

酌

SHAKU

POUR / SERVE

SHAKU o suru 酌をする pour / serve (sake) [酉 wine jar 220R]

DOKUSHAKU 独酌 drinking alone [勺 ladle 1097KR]

1098 *Wine can be ladled- but* ***pour*** *it instead.*

約

YAKU

1. PROMISE 2. APPROXIMATELY [糸 thread 78KR]

YAKUSOKU 約束 a promise [勺 ladle 1097KR]

YAKUHANBUN 約半分 approximately half

1099 *Thread tied to a ladle to remember a* ***promise*** *made* ***approximately*** *(a week ago).*

的

TEKI

mato

1. TARGET 2. SUFFIX MEANING '-LIKE'

TEKICHUU suru 的中 hit the mark / come true / guess right [白 white 179KR]

SHITEKI 私的 personal / private [勺 ladle 1097KR]

mato 的 a target

1100 *White ladle is* ***target-like.***

釣

tsuri

tsu.

FISHING [金 metal 10KR]

tsuri 釣り fishing // change (money) [勺 ladle 1097KR]

tsu.ru 釣る fish / angle // decoy / take in / entice

1101 *Metal ladle is for* ***fishing.*** The polite form お釣り is used for change.

均

KIN

EQUAL

KINTOO 均等 equality [土 earth 15KR]

HEIKIN 平均 an average // balance / equilibrium [勺 ladle 1097KR]

1102 *Earth in double ladle is* ***equal.***

匁

monme

1. A 'MONME'

ICHI monme 一匁 one 'monme' (unit of weight, 3.75g and of money, both obsolete).

1103 *Ladle with an 'X' weighs and costs one* ***monme.*** A 'made in Japan' character, from a stylized fusion of 文 MON 629KR and the katakana me メ.

分 粉 紛 雰 ~ 盆 ~ 貧

分

1. MINUTE 2. PORTION 3. RATE 4. DIVIDE / SEPARATE 5. UNDERSTAND

FUN	GOFUN	五分	five minutes	
BUN	BUN	分	a portion / part / share	
BU	BU	分	a rate / a %	[八 eight 48KR]
wa.	wa.keru	分ける	divide / separate	[刀 sword 7KR]
	wa.kareru	分かれる	part company / bid farewell to	
	wa.karu	分かる	understand	

1104 KR *Eight swords **divide** things into **minutes**, **portions**, and **rates**. **Understand**?*

粉

POWDER / FLOUR

FUN	FUNMATSU	粉末	powder	
kona	kona	粉	powder / flour / dust	[米 rice 72KR]
ko	komugi ko	小麦粉	(wheat) flour	[分 divide 1104KR]

1105 *Rice divided until it is **powder** and **flour**.*

紛

1. LOOK ALIKE 2. BE MIXED UP 3. DISTRACT / CONCEAL / EVADE

FUN	FUNSHITSU	紛失	be missing / be lost	
magi.	magi.reru	紛れる	look alike // be mixed up (in, with)	[糸 thread 78KR]
			disappear among // be distracted	[分 divide 1104KR]
	magi.rasu	紛らす	distract / divert // conceal // evade	
	magi.rawashii	紛らわしい	confusing / misleading / ambiguous	

1106 *Threads that are divided may **look alike** & **be mixed up** which may **distract** you.*

雰

ATMOSPHERE / AMBIENCE

FUN	FUN' IKI	雰囲気	atmosphere / ambience	[雨 rain 69KR]

1107 *Rain divides to provide **atmosphere** & **ambience.*** [分 divide 1104KR]

盆

1. BON FESTIVAL 2. A TRAY

BON	BON	盆	the Bon Festival of the Dead / a tray	[分 divide 1104KR]

1108 *Divided plate used as a **tray** at the **Bon Festival.*** [皿 plate 23KR]

貧

POOR

HIN	HINKON	貧困	poverty	[分 divide 1104KR]
BIN	BINBOO	貧乏	poverty	[貝 money 91KR]
mazu.	mazu.shii	貧しい	poor / needy / destitute	

1109 *Divided my money and now I'm **poor.***

非悲扉 ~ 俳排輩 ~ 罪

非

HI

1. NOT / NON- / UN- 2. WRONG

HIKOOKAI 非公開 not open to the public / private
HIKOO 非行 wrong doing / a misdeed / misconduct
1110 KR *Wings are **not wrong** (on a bird).* The character depicts the wings of a bird moving in opposite directions, to convey **not, non-, un-** and by extension, **wrong.**

悲

HI
kana.

SAD

HIGEKI 悲劇 a tragic drama / a tragedy [非 not 1110KR]
kana.shimu 悲しむ be sad / sorrow over / grieve [心 heart 61KR]
1111 *Not all hearts are **sad.***

扉

HI
tobira

1. DOOR 2. TITLE PAGE

MONPI 門扉 the doors of a gate [戸 door 41KR]
tobira 扉 a door // a title page [非 not 1110KR]
1112 *Door not a **door** when it is a **title page.***

俳

HAI

ACTOR

HAIYUU 俳優 an actor [亻 person 154R]
HAIKU 俳句 a 'haiku' poem [非 not 1110KR]
1113 *Person not an **actor**- he just writes 'haiku'.*

排

HAI

1. EXCLUDE / REJECT / EXPEL 2. ANTI-

HAITATEKI 排他的 exclusive [扌 hand 122R]
HAIKI gasu 排気ガス exhaust fumes / car exhaust [非 not 1110KR]
HAINICHI 排日 anti-Japanese
1114 *Hand not **excluded**- I'm not **anti-** anything.*

輩

HAI

COLLEAGUE / COMPANION / FELLOW

KOOHAI 後輩 one's junior (at school or work) [非 not 1110KR]
SENPAI 先輩 one's senior (at school or work) [車 vehicle 40KR]
1115 *Not a vehicle for my **colleagues.***

罪

ZAI
tsumi

SIN / CRIME / GUILT

ZAIGOO 罪業 a sin
HANZAI 犯罪 a crime [目 eye 86KR]
YUUZAI 有罪 guilt [非 not 1110KR]
tsumi 罪 sin / guilt / blame / crime
1116 Eye not **sin** & **crime** or you'll have **guilt**.

余 除 徐 叙 途 塗 斜

余

EXCESS / BE LEFT OVER

YO YOKEI na 余計な too much (many) / excessive // needless
ama. ama.ru 余る be left over / remain // be too much (many)
1117 KR *Depiction of a roof 亼 with internal cross beams 米 to convey* ***excess*** *(space).*

除

GET RID OF

JO JOKYO suru 除去 get rid of / remove [阝 hill 185R]
JI SOOJI 掃除 cleaning [余 excess 1117KR]
nozo. nozo.ku 除く get rid of / remove / exclude / omit
1118 *Hill is in excess- let's* ***get rid of*** *it.*

徐

SLOWLY

JO JOKOO suru 徐行 go slowly / drive slowly [彳 go 482R]
JOJO ni 徐々に slowly / gradually / little by little [余 excess 1117KR]
1119 *Go excessively* ***slowly.***

叙

DESCRIBE / NARRATE

JO JOJUTSU 叙述 a description / narration [余 excess 1117KR]
JOKEI 叙景 a description of scenery [又 hand 295R]
1120 *Excess hand* ***describes*** *&* ***narrates.***

途

ON THE WAY

TO TOCHUU 途中 on the way [辶 movement 178R]
1121 *Movement in excess* ***on the way.*** [余 excess 1117KR]

塗

PAINT

TO TORYOO 塗料 paints / paints & varnish [氵 water 101R]
nu. nu.ru 塗る paint / plaster / coat [余 excess 1117KR]
1122 *Water in excess on the earth while* ***painting.*** [土 earth 15KR]

斜

SLANTING / DIAGONAL

SHA SHASEN 斜線 a slanting line / diagonal slash [余 excess 1117KR]
nana. nana.me no 斜めの slanting / diagonal / oblique [斗 dipper 1705KR]
1123 *Excess in the dipper makes it* ***slant*** *on a* ***diagonal.***

谷 浴 欲 俗 容 溶 裕

谷

KOKU
tani

VALLEY

KEIKOKU	渓谷	a ravine / valley	
tani	谷	a valley	

1124 KR *Pictograph of a **valley** 八 opening onto a flood plane* 口 .

浴

YOKU
a.

BATHE

YOKUSHITSU	浴室	a bath room	[氵 water 101R]
a.biru	浴びる	take a bath / bathe	[谷 valley 1124KR]
a.biseru	浴びせる	pour (water) over	

1125 *Water in the valley: you can **bathe** in it.*

欲

YOKU
ho.

1. GREED 2. DESIRE

YOKU	欲	greed / avarice // desire	[谷 valley 1124KR]
ho.shii	欲しい	desire / want / be in need of	[欠 lack 28KR]

1126 *Valley lacks everything so there is a lot of **greed** & **desire**.*

俗

ZOKU

1. WORLDLY / COMMON 2. CUSTOMS / MANNERS

ZOKU na	俗な	worldly / common / vulgar	[亻 person 154R]
ZOKUJI	俗事	commonplace / everyday / mundane	[谷 valley 1124KR]
FUUZOKU	風俗	customs / manners / public morals	

1127 *Person in the valley is **worldly** & **common** in his **customs** & **manners.***

容

YOO

1. APPEARANCE / LOOKS 2. CONTENTS

BIYOOIN	美容院	a beauty parlour (salon, shop)	[宀 house 107R]
NAIYOO	内容	contents	[谷 valley 1124KR]

1128 KR *House in the valley has a nice **appearance** & **contents.***

溶

YOO
to.

MELT / DISSOLVE

YOOEKI	溶液	a solution (of salt in water)	[氵 water 101R]
to.keru	溶ける	something melts / dissolves in	[容 appearance1128K]
to.kasu	溶かす	melt / dissolve / liquefy	

1129 *Water(y) appearance because everything has **melted** & **dissolved.***

裕

YUU

ABUNDANT / RICH [衤 clothing 358R]

YUUFUKU na	裕福な	rich / wealthy / well-off	[谷 valley 1124KR]
YOYUU	余裕	a surplus / margin / (time, money) to spare	

1130 *Clothing in the valley is **abundant** & **rich.***

学 覚 営 栄 蛍 労 宮

学

LEARNING

GAKU	GAKUSEI	学生	a student	[⺌ light 947E]
mana.	mana.bu	学ぶ	learn / study	[冖 cover 247R]
	1131 *Light-covered child is **learning.***			[子 child 95KR]

覚

1. REMEMBER / MEMORIZE / LEARN 2. FEEL 3. WAKE UP

KAKU	KANKAKU	感覚	sense / feeling	[⺌ light 947E]
obo.	obo.eru	覚える	remember / memorize / learn // feel	[冖 cover 247R]
sa.	sa.meru	覚める	wake up	[見 see 1777KR]
	sa.masu	覚ます	wake someone up	
	1132 *Light-covered I see and **remember** what I **feel** when I **wake up.***			

営

1. BUSINESS 2. BUILD [⺌ light 947E]

EI	EIGYOO	営業	business	[冖 cover 247R]
	ZOOEI suru	造営	build / construct	[呂 joined rooms]
	1133 *Light-covered joined rooms is where we do **business.***			

栄

1. GLORY / HONOUR 2. THRIVE / PROSPER

EI	EIKOO	栄光	glory	[⺌ light 947E]
	EIYOO	栄養	nutrition	[冖 cover 247R]
saka.	saka.eru	栄える	thrive / prosper / flourish	[木 tree 70KR]
	1134 *Light-covered tree is in its **glory** & **thrives.***			

蛍

FIREFLY

KEI	KEIKOOTOO	蛍光灯	a fluorescent light	[⺌ light 947E]
hotaru	hotaru	蛍	a firefly	[冖 cover 247R]
	1135 *Light-covered insect is a **firefly.***			[虫 insect 1827KR]

労

LABOUR / TOIL [⺌ light 947E]

ROO	ROODOOSHA	労働者	a labourer	[冖 cover 247R]
	1136 *Light-covered power for **labour.***			[力 power 17KR]

宮

1. PALACE 2. SHRINE 3. PRINCE [宀 house 107R]

KYUU	KYUUDEN	宮殿	a palace / an Imperial palace	[呂 joined rooms]
GUU	JINGUU	神宮	a Shinto shrine	
miya	miya	宮	a Shinto shrine // an Imperial prince (princess)	
	1137 *House with joined rooms is a **palace** or **shrine** for the **prince**.* Note 営 & 宮.			

奉 俸 棒 奏 春 泰 実

奉

1. SERVE 2. OFFER 3. REVERE

HOO	HOOSHI	奉仕	service (to the public) / sacrifice	[三 three 39]
	SHINPOO	信奉	faith / belief	[人 person 94KR]
tatematsu.	tatematsu.ru	奉る	offer / present // revere	[扌 hand 122R]

1138 KR *Three persons with a hand **serve**, **offer** and **revere.***

俸

SALARY / PAY

HOO	HOOKYUU	俸給	a salary / pay	[亻 person 154R]

1139 *Person serves for his **salary**.* [奉 serve 1138KR]

棒

STICK / POLE

BOO	BOO	棒	a stick / pole / club / bar // line / dash	[木 tree 70KR]

1140 *Tree serves as a **stick.*** [奉 serve 1138KR]

奏

PLAY (A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT)

SOO	ENSOO	演奏	a (musical) performance	[三 three 39]
kana.	kana.deru	奏でる	play (a musical instrument)	[人 person 94KR]

1141 *Three persons in heaven **play** (the harp).* [天 heaven 79KR]

春

SPRING [三 three 39]

SHUN	SHUNBUN	春分	the vernal equinox	[人 person 94KR]
haru	haru	春	spring	[日 sun 57KR]

1142 *Three persons in the sun in **spring**.*

泰

CALM / SERENE

TAI	TAIHEI no	泰平の	peaceful / tranquil / quiet	[三 three 39]
				[人 person 94KR]

1143 *Three persons in the water are **calm** & **serene.*** [水 water 67KR]

実

1. TRUTH / REALITY 2. BEAR FRUIT

JITSU	JITSU	実	truth / reality / actuality // sincerity	[宀 house 107R]
	JITSUYOO	実用	practical use / utility	[三 three 39]
mi	mi	実	a fruit / nut / berry	[人 person 94KR]
mino.	mino.ru	実る	bear fruit // ripen	

1144 *House with three persons in **truth** will **bear fruit.***

反 板 坂 販 . . .

反

1. OPPOSE / ANTI- 2. BEND BACKWARDS 3. CLOTH

HAN	HANsuru	反する	oppose / go (be, act) against	
	HANTAI	反対	the opposite / contrary / reverse	[厂 cliff 100R]
	HANBEI (NICHI)	反米(日)	anti-American (-Japanese)	[又 hand 295R]
TAN	TANMONO	反物	textiles / dry goods	
so.	so.ru	反る	something bends (curves) // lean backwards	
	so.rasu	反らす	bend backwards // straighten oneself	

1145 KR *Cliff with a hand that **opposes** it and tries to **bend it backwards** like **cloth.***
A TAN is a unit of cloth measurement for a kimono (ca. 34 cm by 10.6 m) and also a unit of land area (300 tsubo or about 992 square m).

板

BOARD

HAN	GOOHAN /			
BAN	GOOBAN	合板	plywood	[木 tree 70KR]
	KOKUBAN	黒板	a blackboard	[反 oppose 1145KR]
ita	ita	板	a board / plank	
	itamae	板前	a cook / chef (of Japanese dishes)	

1146 *Tree is opposed to becoming a **board.***

坂

SLOPE / HILL

HAN	KYUUHAN	急坂	a steep slope	[土 earth 15KR]
saka	saka	坂	a slope / hill	[反 oppose 1145KR]
	kudarizaka	下り坂	downhill	

1147 *Earth* is *opposed to becoming a **slope** or **hill.***

販

SELL

HAN	HANBAI	販売	selling	[貝 money 91KR]
				[反 oppose 1145KR]

1148 *Money is opposed to **selling**?!* (I think not!).

○ ○ ○ 飯 版 ~ 返 ~ 仮

飯

1. COOKED RICE 2. A MEAL

HAN	GOHAN	御飯	cooked rice / a meal	[食 food 804KR]
meshi	meshi	飯	cooked rice / a meal	[反 oppose 1145KR]

1149 *Food is opposed unless it's a **meal** of **cooked rice.***

版

1. PRINTING BLOCK / PLATE 2. PRINT / PUBLISH 3. EDITION

HAN	HANGA	版画	a print / a woodblock print	
	SHUPPAN	出版	publication	[片 piece 77KR]
	SHOHAN	初版	the first edition	[反 oppose 1145KR]

1150 *One piece is opposed to another in a **printing block** used for **printing** an **edition.***

返

RETURN

HEN	HENJI	返事	a reply	[辶 movement 178R]
kae.	kae.ru	返る	return / come back	[反 oppose 1145KR]
	kae.su	返す	return / give back / pay back	

1151 *Movement is opposed to **return.***

仮

TEMPORARY / PROVISIONAL [亻 person 154R]

KA	KASETSU	仮説	a hypothesis	[反 oppose 1145KR]
KE	KEBYOO	仮病	feigned illness / malingering	
kari	kari no	仮の	temporary / provisonal / transient / supposing	

1152 *Person is opposed, but it is only **temporary** & **provisional.***

皮 披 彼 被 . . .

皮

SKIN / HIDE

HI	HIFU	皮膚	the skin
kawa	kawa	皮	skin / hide / leather / bark / peel / rind

1153 KR *From a pictograph showing a hand pulling the **hide** off a small animal (the animal's head is still attached).*

披

DISCLOSE

HI	HIROO	披露	an announcement	[扌 hand 122R]
				[皮 skin 1153KR]

1154 *Hand and skin **disclose** all.*

彼

HE / SHE / THEY

HI	HIGA	彼我	oneself and others (old literary usage)	
kare	kare	彼	he / him // a boyfriend / lover	
	kare ra	彼ら	they / them / their	[彳 go 482R]
kano-	kanojo	彼女	she // a girlfriend / lover	[皮 skin 1153KR]

1155 *Go skin **him**!*

被

1. SUFFER 2. WEAR

HI	HIGAISHA	被害者	a victim	[衤 clothing 358R]
	HIFUKU	被服	clothing	[皮 skin 1153KR]
koomu.	koomu.ru	被る	suffer / incur / receive (injury)	

1156 *Clothing made from skin makes you **suffer** when you **wear** it.*

○ ○ ○ 疲 ~ 破 波 ~ 婆

疲

GET TIRED

HI	HIROO	疲労	fatigue / weariness	[疒 sickness 215R]
tsuka.	tsuka.reru	疲れる	be tired / get tired	[皮 skin 1153KR]

1157 *Sick skin is from **getting tired.***

破

TEAR / BREAK

HA	HAKAI	破壊	destruction / demolition	
	HASAN	破産	bankruptcy	[石 stone 30KR]
	HAYAKU	破約	a breach of contract	[皮 skin 1153KR]
yabu.	yabu.reru	破れる	be torn // something rips / tears / breaks / bursts / wears out	
	yabu.ru	破る	tear / break / destroy	

1158 *Stone against skin causes it to **tear** & **break.***

波

WAVE

HA	DENPA	電波	an electric wave / a radio wave	
	ONPA	音波	a sound wave	[氵 water 101R]
	HAtoba	波止場	a wharf / pier	[皮 skin 1153KR]
nami	nami	波	a wave	

1159 KR *Water's skin has **waves.***

婆

OLD WOMAN

BA	ROOBA	老婆	an old woman	[波 wave 1159KR]
	baba*	婆	an old woman / a granny	[女 woman 96KR]
	onibaba	鬼婆	a witch / hag	

1160 *Wave woman is an **old woman**.* In 婆 , wave 波 lends connotations of white and billowing, a reference to an old woman's hair.

至 ~ 致 ~ 室 ~ 窒 。 。 。

至

1. REACH / ARRIVE AT 2. MAXIMUM / UTMOST

SHI	SHIKYUU no	至急の	urgent / pressing	[土 earth 15KR]
ita.	ita.ru	至る	reach / arrive at / lead to	

1161 KR *From a depiction of an arrow falling to earth* 𠂤 *to convey* ***reaching*** *a* ***maximum*** *or end-point.* The arrow appears to have something bound to its shaft, perhaps a message.

致

1. DO / BRING ABOUT / CAUSE

CHI	ITCHI	一致	a coincidence // a concensus / agreement / cooperation	[至 reach 1161KR] [攵 strike 200R]
	CHISHI no	致死の	fatal	
ita.	ita.su	致す	do / bring about / cause	

1162 *Reach (your destination) and strike-* ***do*** *it to* ***bring about*** *&* ***cause*** *(a revolution).*

室

A ROOM

SHITSU	KYOOSHITSU	教室	a class room	[宀 house 107R]
	WASHITSU	和室	a Japanese-style room	[至 reach 1161KR]

1163 *House was reached but it had no* ***rooms****.*

窒

1. PLUG UP / BLOCK 2. NITROGEN

CHITSU	CHISSOKU	窒息	suffocation	[穴 hole 51KR]
	CHISSO	窒素	nitrogen	[至 reach 1161KR]

1164 *Hole was reached but it was* ***plugged up*** *with* ***nitrogen.***

○ ○ ○ 屋 ~ 握 ~ 到 倒

屋

OKU
ya

1. ROOF / HOUSE 2. SHOP / SHOPKEEPER

OKUJOO	屋上	roof / rooftop	
koya	小屋	a hut / cabin / shed / booth	[尸 buttocks 105R]
heya	部屋	a room	[至 reach 1161KR]
panya	パン屋	a bakery	
panya san	パン屋さん	a baker	

1165 KR *Buttocks reach to the **roof** of the **shop.***

握

AKU
nigi.

GRASP / TAKE HOLD OF

AKUSHU	握手	a handshake	[扌 hand 122R]
nigi.ru	握る	grasp / take hold of / grip / seize	[屋 roof 1165KR]
nigiri meshi	握り飯	a rice-ball	

1166 *Hand on the roof **grasps** and **takes hold** (for dear life).* The artful mnemonicist will make use of the couplets SHI-CHI, SHITSU-CHITSU, and OKU-AKU to remember the ON readings of these three pairs of kanji.

到

TOO

ARRIVAL [至 reach 1161KR]

TOOCHAKU	到着	arrival	[刂 knife 163R]

1167 KR *Reach for a knife on **arrival**.*

倒

TOO
tao.

FALL DOWN / COLLAPSE

TOOSAN	倒産	bankruptcy	
tao.reru	倒れる	fall down / collapse // go bankrupt	[亻 person 154R]
		be ruined // break down (health)	[到 arrival 1167KR]
tao.su	倒す	knock down / pull down // defeat	
		overthrow (the government) / fail to pay (a debt)	

1168 *Person on arrival **falls down** & **collapses.***

寺 侍 持 時 . . .

寺

TEMPLE

JI	JIIN	寺院	a Buddhist temple	
	RYOOANJI	竜安寺	the Ryoan Temple	[土 earth 15KR]
tera	tera	寺	a temple	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	yamadera	山寺	a mountain temple	

1169 KR *Earth and a skilful hand built the **temple.***

侍

1. SAMURAI 2. ATTEND UPON

JI	JIJO	侍女	a lady-in-waiting / a lady's maid	[亻 person 154R]
samurai	samurai	侍	a samurai	[寺 temple 1169KR]

1170 *Person in the temple is a **samurai.***

持

HAVE / POSSESS

JI	JIZOKUTEKI	持続的	durable / lasting	[扌 hand 122R]
mo.	mo.tsu	持つ	have / possess	[寺 temple 1169KR]

1171 *Hand in the temple **has** what it **possesses**.*

時

1. TIME 2. HOUR

JI	JIDAI	時代	an era / period / age / epoch // the times	
	SANJI	三時	three o'clock	
toki	toki	時	time / hour	[日 sun 57KR]
	tokidoki	時々	sometimes	[寺 temple 1169KR]

1172 *Sun in the temple tells the **time** and the **hour.***

○ ○ ○ 詩 ~ 等 ~ 特 ~ 待

詩

SHI

POETRY

SHI	詩	poetry / verse / a poem	[言 word 35KR]
SHIJIN	詩人	a poet	[寺 temple 1169KR]
SHITEKI	詩的	poetic	

1173 *Words in the temple are* ***poetry.***

等

TOO

hito.

1. CLASS / GRADE / RANK 2. EQUAL

TOOKYUU	等級	a class / grade / rank	
ITTOO no	一等の	first class / first-rate / best	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
hito.shii	等しい	equal / identical	[寺 temple 1169KR]

1174 *Bamboo temple where all* ***classes*** *are* ***equal.***

特

TOKU

SPECIAL

TOKUBETSU	特別	special	
TOKUSHOKU	特色	a special feature / a distinguishing characteristic	[牛 cow 90KR] [寺 temple 1169KR]

1175 *Cow in the temple is* ***special.***

待

TAI

ma.

WAIT

KITAI	期待	expectation / anticipation	[彳 go 482R]
ma.tsu	待つ	wait / wait for	[寺 temple 1169KR]

1176 *Go to the temple and* ***wait.***

夕 ~ 多 ~ 移 ~ 外 . . .

夕

EVENING

SEKI	ISSEKI	一夕	one evening (used in ITCHOO ISSEKI ni 一朝一夕に meaning in a (single) day / in a short time
yuu	yuube	夕べ	an evening
	yuugata	夕方	evening / twilight / dusk
	Tanabata*	七夕	Star Festival in Japan (July 7)

1177 KR *Depiction of a crescent moon to convey* ***evening.***

多

MANY / MUCH

TA	TASUU	多数	a large number of / a majority	[夕 evening 1177KR]
	TASHOO	多少	many or few / much or little / some	
oo.	oo.i	多い	many / much	

1178 KR *Two evenings may lead to* ***many*** *&* ***much.***

移

1. MOVE / CHANGE ADDRESS 2. CATCH A DISEASE 3. SPREAD

I	IDOO suru	移動	move from place to place / travel	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	ITEN suru	移転	move / change one's address	[多 many 1178KR]
	IMIN	移民	an immigrant / immigration // an emigrant / emigration	
utsu.	utsu.ru	移る	move (to, into) / change / turn into // catch (a cold) / be infected with // spread (disease, fire) / catch fire // soak into	
	utsu.su	移す	move (to, into) // transfer // infect // pour into // divert / turn	

1179 *Rice plants are many- they can't* ***move*** *or* ***change address,*** *so if they* ***catch a disease*** *it will* ***spread.***

外

1. OUTSIDE 2. OTHER 3. COME OFF 4. MISS / FAIL

GAI	GAIJIN	外人	a foreigner	[夕 evening 1177KR]
GE	GEKA	外科	surgery	[卜 divine 653NJY]
soto	soto	外	out-of-doors // the outside / exterior	
hoka	hoka	外	other / others / another / someone (something) else	
hazu.	hazu.reru	外れる	come off / be disconnected (detached) // miss (the point) / fail	
	hazu.su	外す	take off / undo / unfasten / unbutton // lose (miss) a chance // avoid / evade / slip away	

1180 *Evening to divine- do it* ***outside*** *or some* ***other*** *place or it will* ***come off*** *&* ***fail.***
Note variant of 卜 .

○ ○ ○ 名 銘 ~ 夢 ~ 腕

名

1. NAME 2. COUNTER FOR PEOPLE 3. FAME / REPUTATION

MEI	SHIMEI	氏名	surname & given name / full name	
	GOMEI	五名	five people	[夕 evening 1177KR]
	YUUMEI na	有名な	famous	[口 mouth 85KR]
MYOO	DAIMYOO	大名	a 'daimyo' / a Japanese feudal lord	
na	namae	名前	a name	

1181 KR *Evening mouth has a **name** for **1,2,3...people** of **fame**.*

銘

1. EPITAPH / INSCRIPTION / NAME 2. MOTTO / PRECEPT

MEI	MEI	銘	an epitaph / inscription / signature / name // motto / precept / maxim	[金 metal 10KR] [名 name 1181KR]
	MEIgara	銘柄	a brand / a brand name	
	HIMEI	碑銘	an epitaph / an inscription (on a monument)	
	ZAYUUMEI	座右銘	a motto / precept / maxim	

1182 *Metal with a **name** on it may be an **epitaph, inscription, motto** or **precept**.*

夢

DREAM

MU	MUSOO	夢想	a dream / vision / fancy	[艹 plant 99R]
	AKUMU	悪夢	a bad dream / nightmare	[目 eye 86KR]
yume	yume	夢	a dream	[冖 cover 247R] [夕 evening 1177KR]

1183 *Plant and eye are covered in the evening while we **dream**.*

腕

1. ARM 2. ABILITY / SKILL

WAN	WANRYOKU	腕力	physical strength	
	SHUWAN	手腕	ability / skill / capability / talent	[月 body 144R]
ude	ude	腕	arm	[宀 house 107R]
	udemae	腕前	ability / skill	[夕 evening 1177KR]
	udewa	腕輪	a bracelet	[乚 slumped per 873E]
	udedoKEI*	腕時計	a wrist watch	

1184 *Body in the house in the evening is a slumped person whose **arm** has **ability** & **skill**.*

各格閣客~額。。。

格

1. STANDING / RANK 2. QUALIFICATION / COMPETENCY

KAKU	KAKU	格	social standing / rank / class / grade // qualification // case (grammar)	[木 tree 70KR]
	SHIKAKU	資格	qualification / competency	[各 each 31KR]
	GOOKAKU	合格	pass an exam / qualify	
KOO	KOOSHI	格子	a lattice / grating	

1185 *Trees each have a **standing** & **rank** according to their **qualifications**.* Note that KAKU 各 31 is repeated in the top row to emphasize sound-structure relationships.

閣

1. PALACE / TOWER 2. CABINET

KAKU	KINKAKUJI	金閣寺	Temple of the Golden Pavillion (Kyoto)	[門 gate 145KR]
	NAIKAKU	内閣	Cabinet / Ministry	[各 each 31KR]

1186 *Gate of each **palace** & **tower** is for the **cabinet.***

客

1. GUEST / VISITOR 2. CUSTOMER

KAKU	RYOKAKU	旅客	a traveler / passenger	[宀 house 107R]
KYAKU	KYAKU	客	a guest / visitor // customer	[各 each 31KR]

1187 KR *A house for each **guest, visitor** & **customer**.* The honorific phrase お客さん (o-KYAKU san) is used in shops and stores in Japan by clerks and sales persons to address their customers.

額

1. FRAME 2. AMOUNT 3. FOREHEAD

GAKU	GAKU	額	a frame / a framed picture // an amount	
	HANGAKU	半額	half the amount / half price / half fare	[客 guest 1197KR]
hitai	hitai	額	the forehead / brow	[頁 forehead 453R]

1188 *Guest's forehead- what **amount** should be **framed**? Just the **forehead.***

○ ○ ○ 絡 酪 落 ~ 略

絡

RAKU / **kara.**

1. CONNECT / CONTACT 2. GET ENTANGLED

RENRAKU	連絡	connect / contact / get in touch with / communicate with / notify	[糸 thread 78KR] [各 each 31KR]
kara.mu	絡む	get entangled // pick a quarrel with	
kara.maru	絡まる	get entangled	
kara.meru	絡める	twist (coil) around	

1189 *Threads each must **connect** & **contact** or they will get **entangled.***

酪

RAKU

DAIRY PRODUCTS [酉 wine jar 220R]

RAKUNOO	酪農	dairy farming	[各 each 31KR]

1190 *Wine jars each have **dairy products** in them?!* The wine jar element in 酪 indicates fermentation. Originally 酪 referred to curds or whey but now has the broader meaning of **dairy products** in general.

落

RAKU / **o.**

1. FALL / DROP 2. LOSE

TENRAKU	転落	a fall	[⺾ plant 99R]
RAKUDAI	落第	failure in an examination	[氵 water 101R]
o.chiru	落ちる	something falls (drops, comes) down	[各 each 31KR]
o.tosu	落とす	drop / let fall // lose (an item)	
otoshimono	落し物	an item that has been dropped or lost	

1191 *Plants in water: each has **fallen** and will be **lost**.* In 落 , the element ⺾ indicates leaves and the original meaning was leaves falling like water.

略

RYAKU

1. ABBREVIATION / OMISSION 2. OUTLINE

RYAKU	略	an abbreviation / omission	
RYAKUsu(ru)	略す(る)	abbreviate / shorten / abridge / omit	[田 field 16KR]
RYAKUGO	略語	an abbreviation	[各 each 31KR]
RYAKUZU	略図	an outline map / rough sketch	

1192 *Fields each **abbreviated** according to the **outline.***

羊 洋 様 養 窯 . . .

羊

SHEEP

YOO	YOOMOO	羊毛	wool	
	YOONIKU	羊肉	mutton	
hitsuji	hitsuji	羊	a sheep / sheep	

1193 KR *Horned animal with three stripes is a **sheep.***

洋

1. OCEAN 2. WESTERN / FOREIGN

YOO	TAISEIYOO	大西洋	the Atlantic Ocean	[氵 water 101R]
	TAIHEIYOO	太平洋	the Pacific Ocean	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
	SEIYOO	西洋	the West / the Occident	
	TOOYOO	東洋	the East / the Orient	
	YOOSHOKU	洋食	Western food / foreign cooking	

1194 *Water with sheep on it is the **ocean**.* The sheep element in 洋 is suggestive of whitecaps on an **ocean. Western** and **foreign** are extended meanings.

様

1. CONDITION / APPEARANCE 2. WAY / MEANS 3. MR. / MRS. / MS. / MISS

YOO	YOOSU*	様子	a condition / circumstance / state of affairs // one's look / appearance / manner	
	SHIYOO	仕様	a way / means / method	[木 tree 70KR]
sama	sama	様	=> 様子	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
-sama	Tanaka sama	田中様	Mr. (Mrs., Ms., Miss) Tanaka	[水 water 67KR]
	kamisama	神様	God	

1195 *Tree with a sheep in the water. What **condition** is it in? Is there a **way** or **means** to get it out, **Mr.** Tanaka?*

養

1. REAR / BRING UP 2. SUPPORT / MAINTAIN 3. TRAIN / CULTIVATE

YOO	YOOIKU suru	養育	rear / bring up / foster / educate	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
	YOOROOIN	養老院	an old-folks home	[食 food 804KR]
	KYOOYOO	教養	culture / education / refinement	
yashina.	yashina.u	養う	rear / bring up // support / maintain // train / cultivate / develop	

1196 *Sheep need food to **rear**, **support** & **train** them.*

窯

KILN / OVEN

YOO	YOOGYOO	窯業	ceramics / the ceramics industry	[穴 hole 51KR]
kama	kama	窯	a kiln / an oven	[羊 sheep 1193KR] [灬 fire 402R]

1197 *Hole where sheep (was roasted) in the fire is now a **kiln.***

○ ○ ○ 詳 祥 ~ 鮮 ~ 美 ~ 業

詳

1. DETAILED 2. KNOW WELL

SHOO	SHOOSAI	詳細	details / particulars	[言 word 35KR]
	FUSHOO no	不詳の	unknown / unidentified	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
kuwa.	kuwa.shii	詳しい	detailed // know well / be well informed	

1198 *Words about sheep are **detailed** by those who **know them well.***

祥

GOOD FORTUNE / GOOD OMEN

SHOO	KISSHOOTEN /			[ネ altar 330R]
	KICHIJOOTEN	吉祥天	Buddhist goddess of fortune	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
	FUSHOOJI	不祥事	a scandal / a disgraceful affair	

1199 *Altar with sheep brings **good fortune.***

鮮

1. FRESH 2. CLEAR / BRILLIANT / VIVID

SEN	SENGYO	鮮魚	fresh fish	[魚 fish 1845KR]
	SENMEI na	鮮明な	clear / clean-cut / vivid / distinct	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
azaya.	azaya.ka na	鮮かな	clear / brilliant / vivid	

1200 *Fish and sheep are **fresh** when they are **clear, brilliant** & **vivid.***

美

BEAUTIFUL

BI	BIJIN	美人	a beautiful woman	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
	BIJUTSU	美術	fine arts / art	[大 big 1KR]
utsuku.	utsuku.shii	美しい	beautiful	

1201 *Sheep that is big is **beautiful.***

業

1. BUSINESS / UNDERTAKING 2. FEAT / TRICK

GYOO	GYOOMU	業務	business	[丵 hollow 484E]
	KIGYOO	企業	an enterprise / an undertaking	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
	NOOGYOO	農業	farming / agriculture	[木 tree 70KR]
	SANGYOO	産業	industry	
waza	waza	業	a work / act / deed // feat / trick	

1202 *Hollow contains a sheep up a tree. What a **business!** What a **feat!** What a **trick!***

少 抄 省 渉 称 . . .

少

FEW

SHOO	SHOONEN	少年	a boy	
	SHOOJO	少女	a girl	[小 small 2KR]
suko.	suko.shi	少し	a few / a little	
suku.	suku.nai	少ない	few / little / scanty / rare	

1203 KR *Small slashes are **few.***

抄

ABSTRACT / EXCERPT

SHOO	SHOOROKU	抄録	an abstract / excerpt	[扌 hand 122R]
	SHOOHON	抄本	an extract / abstract	[少 few 1203KR]

1204 *Hand with a few **abstracts** & **excerpts**.*

省

1. GOVERNMENT MINISTRY 2. REFLECT UPON 3. CUT DOWN ON

SHOO	MONBUSHOO	文部省	Ministry of Education	
SEI	JISEI	自省	reflection / introspection	[少 few 1203KR]
kaeri.	kaeri.miru	省みる	reflect upon / look back // give heed to	[目 eye 86KR]
habu.	habu.ku	省く	cut down on / reduce / save // exclude / omit	

1205 *Few eyes in the **government ministry reflect upon** the need to **cut down.***

渉

CROSS OVER / LIAISE

SHOO	SHOOGAI	渉外	public relations / liaison	[氵 water 101R]
	KOOSHOO	交渉	negotiations	[歩 walk 1208KR]

1206 *Walk on water to **cross over** & **liaise.***

称

NAME / TITLE [禾 rice plant 213R]

SHOO	MEISHOO	名称	a name / title / designation	[亻 horiz person 805]
	AISHOO	愛称	a nick name / a term of endearment	[小 small 2KR]

1207 *Rice plant and horizontal person are small and have no **name** or **title.***

。。。歩~秒~妙~砂~劣

歩

WALK

HO	HODOO	歩道	a sidewalk	[止 stop 3KR]
BU	BUai	歩合	a rate / ratio / percentage	[少 few 1203KR]
FU	FU	歩	a pawn (in chess)	
aru.	aru.ku	歩く	walk	
ayu.	ayu.mu	歩む	walk	

1208 KR *Stop a few (times) during a **walk.***

秒

A SECOND

BYOO	BYOO	秒	a second	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	SANBYOO	三秒	three seconds	[少 few 1203KR]

1209 *Rice plants are as few as **seconds.***

妙

1. SKILLED / ADROIT 2. STRANGE / ODD 3. EXQUISITE / SUPERB

MYOO	MYOO	妙	skill // mystery	
	MYOO na	妙な	strange / odd / queer / mysterious	[女 woman 96KR]
	MYOOSHU	妙手	an expert / a master / virtuoso	[少 few 1203KR]
	MYOOMI	妙味	subtle charm / exquisite beauty	

1210 *Women are few who are **skilled**, **strange** & **exquisite**.*

砂

SAND

SA	SATOO	砂糖	sugar	
SHA	DOSHAburi	土砂降り	a downpour / pouring rain	[石 stone 30KR]
	JARI*	砂利	gravel	[少 few 1203KR]
suna	suna	砂	sand	

1211 *Stones are few in **sand.***

劣

BE INFERIOR

RETSU	RETTOO	劣等	inferiority	[少 few 1203KR]
oto.	oto.ru	劣る	be inferior / be worse than	[力 power 17KR]

1212 *Few powers- you are **inferior.***

者 煮 ~ 暑 署 諸 。。。

耂	**OLD MAN** **1213** E *Earth slashed by **old man**.* Originally written showing a bent figure with long hair, both symbolic of an **old man**. The modern version lacks such pictoral quality.			
者	**PERSON**			
SHA	GAKUSHA	学者	a scholar	[土 old man 1213E]
	SAKUSHA	作者	an author	[日 sun 57KR]
mono	mono	者	a person	
	1214 KR *Old man in the sun- he's the **person**!*			
煮	**BOIL / COOK**			
SHA	SHAFUTSU	煮沸	boiling	[者 person 1214KR]
ni.	ni.eru	煮える	be boiled / cooked	[灬 fire 402R]
	ni.ru	煮る	boil / cook	
	1215 *Person with fire **boils** & **cooks**.*			
暑	**HOT WEATHER**			
SHO	HISHO suru	避暑	go to a summer resort / summer at	
atsu.	atsu.i	暑い	hot weather	[日 sun 57KR] [者 person 1214KR]
	1216 *Sun over person in **hot weather**.*			
署	**1. GOVERNMENT OFFICE 2. STATION 3. SIGN**			
SHO	ZEIMUSHO	税務署	tax office	[目 eye 86KR]
	KEISATSUSHO	警察署	police station	[者 person 1214KR]
	SHOMEI	署名	a signature	
	1217 *Eye person at the **government office** or **station** when you **sign.***			
諸	**VARIOUS / ALL**			
SHO	SHOKOKU	諸国	various countries	[言 word 35KR]
	SHOSETSU	諸説	various views (opinions, theories)	[者 person 1214KR]
	1218 *Words of person are **various.***			

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緒

1. BEGINNING 2. CORD

SHO	SHOSEN /			
CHO	CHOSEN	緒戦	the beginning (of a war, tournament)	
	ISSHO ni	一緒に	together / at the same time	[糸 thread 78KR]
o	o	緒	a cord / string / thong	[者 person 1214KR]
	hanao	鼻緒	a 'geta' strap (cord, thong)	

1219 *Thread person from the **beginning** lives attached to a **cord.***

著

1. WRITE / PUBLISH 2. REMARKABLE / CONSPICUOUS

CHO	CHOSHA	著者	a writer / an author	
ara.	ara.wasu	著わす	write / publish (a book)	[⺾ plant 99R]
ichijiru.	ichijiru.shii	著しい	remarkable / conspicuous / striking	[者 person 1214KR]

1220 *Plant person **writes remarkable** (books).*

都

CAPITAL / METROPOLIS

TO	TONAI	都内	in Tokyo / in the metropolitan area	
	TOSHI	都市	a city	[者 person 1214KR]
TSU	TSUGOO	都合	circumstances // convenience	[阝 village 347R]
miyako	miyako	都	a capital / metropolis	

1221 *Person in the village wants to go to the **capital.***

老

GROW OLD

ROO	ROOJIN	老人	an old person	
o.	o.iru	老いる	grow old / age	[耂 old man 1213E]
fu.	fu.keru	老ける	grow old / age	[匕 seated pers 121R]

1222 *Old man and seated person have **grown old.***

IV. Mixed Sound and Structure Groups- Level 3

癖 壁 ~ 避

辟

SODOMY
1223 NJY *Buttocks opening is painful after* ***sodomy.***

[尸 buttocks 105R]
[口 opening]
[辛 painful 1748KR]

癖

PERSONAL HABIT / QUIRK

HEKI	AKUHEKI	悪癖	a bad habit / vice	[疒 sickness 215R]
	TOOHEKI	盗癖	kleptomania	[*v.s.*sodomy 1223NJY]
kuse	kuse	癖	a habit // a characteristic / quirk	

1224 *Sickness is sodomy- a* ***personal habit*** *that is* ***quirky****.* An 'indelicate character' in the words of Henshall (Appendix 1).

壁

WALL

HEKI	HEKIGA	壁画	a wall painting / mural / fresco	
kabe	kabe	壁	a wall	[*v.s* sodomy 1223NJY]
	kabegami	壁紙	wall paper	[土 earth 15KR]

1225 *Sodomy on the earth by the* ***wall.***

避

AVOID

HI	HININ	避妊	contraception	[辶 movement 178R]
	FUKAHI	不可避	unavoidable	[*v.s* sodomy 1223NJY]
sa.	sa.keru	避ける	avoid / shun / dodge / shirk	

1226 *Movement to sodomy-* ***avoid*** *it.*

般 搬 盤 松 訟 翁

般

HAN

GENERAL / ALL [舟 boat 12KR]

IPPAN	一般	general / universal / common	[厂 weapon 961E]
ZENPAN	全般	the whole	[又 hand 295R]

1227 KR *Boat and weapon in hand- **general** quarters! **All** hands on deck!*

搬

HAN

TRANSPORT / CARRY

UNPAN	運搬	transport / conveyance	[扌 hand 122R]
			[般 general 1227KR]

1228 *Hand generally **transports** & **carries**.*

盤

BAN

1. TRAY / PLATTER / BASIN 2. BOARD FOR GAMES

SUIBAN	水盤	a basin	[般 general 1227KR]
GOBAN	碁盤	a 'go' board	[皿 plate 23KR]

1229 *Generally plates are on **trays** or **boards**.*

松

SHOO

PINE

SHOO-CHIKU-BAI

	松竹梅	pine-bamboo-plum / three things of equal rank

matsu

matsu	松	a pine tree

[木 tree 70KR]

1230 *Tree that is public is a **pine**.* [公 public 83KR]

訟

SHOO

ACCUSE / SUE

SOSHOO	訴訟	a lawsuit / litigation	[言 word 35KR]
			[公 public 83KR]

1231 *Words in public- I **accuse** and I'm **suing**.*

翁

OO

OLD MAN

ROOOO	老翁	an old man	[公 public 83KR]
okina*	翁	an old man	[羽 wings 1801KR]

1232 *Public wings on an **old man**.* The 'wings' element in 翁 refers to long side-burns.

倫 輪 ~ 論 。 職 織 ~ 識

侖

ALIGN NEATLY

1233 CO *Depiction of a lid on a bundle of bamboo writing tablets bound together* 冊 *to convey* ***align neatly.*** [亼 lid 227R] [冊 volume 24KR]

倫

RIN

PRINCIPLES / ETHICS / MORALS [亻 person 154R]

RINRI	倫理	ethics / morals	[*v.s.* align neat 1233CO]
FURIN	不倫	immorality / illicit love	

1234 *Person aligned neatly with his* ***principles, ethics & morals.***

輪

RIN

wa

1. WHEEL 2. RING 3. COUNTER FOR FLOWERS

SHARIN	車輪	a wheel	[車 vehicle 40KR]
ICHIRIN	一輪	a flower // a wheel	[*v.s* align neat 1233CO]
wa	輪	a ring / hoop / loop / circle / wheel	
yubiwa	指輪	a finger ring	

1235 *Vehicle is aligned neatly on its* ***wheels*** *which look like* ***rings*** *of* ***1,2,3...flowers.***

論

RON

1. ARGUMENT / DISCUSSION 2. ESSAY / THESIS 3. THEORY

RONjiru	論じる	argue / discuss	
RONBUN	論文	an essay / thesis	[言 word 35KR]
RIRON	理論	a theory	[*v.s* align neat 1233CO]

1236 *Words must be neatly aligned in an* ***argument, essay*** *or* ***theory.***

職

SHOKU

EMPLOYMENT / A JOB

SHOKU	職	employment / a job / work / a position	[耳 ear 87KR]
MUSHOKU	無職	unemployed	

1237 *Ear hears the sound of lances- there will be* ***employment*** *(in the army).*

織

SHOKU
SHIKI
o.

WEAVE [糸 thread 78KR]

SHOKKI	織機	a loom	
SOSHIKI	組織	an organization / structure / system // a tissue	
o.ru	織る	weave	

1238 *Thread and the sound of lances* ***weave*** *in and out.*

識

SHIKI

KNOWLEDGE [言 word 35KR]

CHISHIKI	知識	knowledge	[音 sound 1488KR]
CHISHIKIJIN	知識人	an intellectual	[戈 lance 419R]

1239 *Words about the sound of lances is* ***knowlege.***

獲 穫 護 堅 賢 緊

蒦

SEIZE / SNARE

1240 E *From a depiction of a crested bird in the hand to convey **seize / snare**.* The modern version uses 'plant' in place of the bird's crest, rendering the element less intelligible.

[艹 plant 99R] [隹 bird 267R] [又 hand 295R]

獲

1. OBTAIN / ACQUIRE 2. SEIZE / CAPTURE [犭 animal 150R]

KAKU GYOKAKU 漁獲 a catch (haul) of fish [*v.s.* seize 1240E]

e. e.ru 獲る obtain / acquire // seize / capture

1241 *Animal **seized** and snared- that's how to **obtain** & **capture** them.*

穫

HARVEST [禾 rice plant 213R]

KAKU SHUUKAKU 収穫 a harvest / crop [*v.s.* seize 1240E]

1242 *Rice plants seized at **harvest.***

護

DEFEND / PROTECT [言 word 35KR]

GO HOGO 保護 protection / safeguard [*v.s.* seize 1240E]

BENGOSHI 弁護士 a lawyer

1243 *Words that seize and snare are used to **defend** & **protect** (a lawyer's client).*

堅

1. HARD / SOLID 2. STRONG / FIRM 3. SOUND / RELIABLE

KEN KENJITSU na 堅実な steady / sound / reliable

KENGO na 堅固な strong / stout / solid // steady / stable [臣 retainer 65KR]

kata. kata.i 堅い hard / solid // strong / firm // sound [又 hand 295R]

1244 *Retainer with hand on the earth is **hard**, **strong** & **sound.*** [土 earth 15KR]

賢

WISE

KEN KENMEI 賢明 wisdom [臣 retainer 65KR]

kashiko. kashiko.i 賢い wise / sagacious / intelligent / clever [又 hand 295R]

1245 *Retainer with hand on the money is **wise.*** [貝 money 91KR]

緊

TIGHT

KIN KINCHOO 緊張 tension / strain [臣 retainer 65KR]

KINKYUU 緊急 crisis / emergency [又 hand 295R]

1246 *Retainer with hand on thread draws it **tight.*** [糸 thread 78KR]

敬 警 ~ 驚 。 疑 擬 ~ 凝

敬

RESPECT

KEI KEII 敬意 respect / reverence / regard [艹 plant 99R]
uyama. uyama.u 敬う respect / pay respect to / honour [句 phrase 1648KR]
1247 KR *Plant phrase strikes **respect.*** [攵 strike 200R]

警

WARN / ADMONISH

KEI KEIKOKU 警告 a warning [敬 respect 1247KR]
KEISATSU 警察 the police [言 word 35KR]
1248 *Respectful words **warn** & **admonish**.*

驚

1. BE SURPRIZED 2. BE ALARMED / STARTLED [敬 respect 1247KR]

KYOO KYOOI 驚異 a wonder / miracle [馬 horse 92KR]
odoro. odoro.ku 驚く be surprized / astonished // be alarmed
odoro.kasu 驚かす surprize / astonish / startle / shock
1249 *Respectful horse- I'm **surprized** & **alarmed**!*

疑

DOUBT / SUSPICION [ヒ seated pers 121R]

GI GIWAKU 疑惑 doubt / suspicion / misgivings [矢 arrow 80KR]
utaga. utaga.u 疑う doubt / distrust [マ doubl ov per 878E]
1250 KR *Seated person with an arrow and doubled over person are correct in their **doubt** & **suspicion.*** Note variant of 正 . [正 correct1012KR]

擬

IMITATE [扌 hand 122R]

GI GION 擬音 a sound effect / an imitated sound [疑 doubt 1250KR]
1251 *Hand is doubtful- is it an **imitation**?*

凝

1. GROW STIFF 2. BE ENGROSSED IN 3. BE FASTIDIOUS

GYOO GYOOKO suru 凝固 solidify / coagulate / congeal / freeze [冫 ice 214R]
GYOOSHI suru 凝視 stare at / watch intently [疑 doubt 1250KR]
ko. ko.ru 凝る grow stiff // be engrossed in // be fastidious
ko.rasu 凝らす concentrate on / strain

1252 *Ice is doubtful- it **growns stiff** but if you are **engrossed in** (safety) be **fastidious.***

役 疫 ~ 撃 。 孝 酵 ~ 教

役

1. BATTLE / CAMPAIGN 2. SERVICE 3. OFFICE

EKI	EKI	役	a battle / campaign / war	[彳 go 482R]
YAKU	YAKUNIN	役人	a government official / civil servant	[八 weapon 961E]
	YAKUSHA	役者	an actor / actress	[又 hand 295R]
	YAKUSHO	役所	an office / a government office	

1253 *Go with weapon in hand to **battle** for **service** to the **office**.*

疫

EPIDEMIC [疒 sickness 215R]

EKI	EKIBYOO	疫病	an epidemic	[八 weapon 961E]
YAKU	YAKUBYOOgami	疫病神	an epidemic	[又 hand 295R]

1254 *Sickness (that kills) like a weapon in hand is an **epidemic**.*

撃

1. ATTACK 2. FIRE / SHOOT [車 vehicle 40KR]

GEKI	KOOGEKI	攻撃	an attack	[八 weapon 961E]
u.	u.tsu	撃つ	fire / shoot (a gun)	[又 hand 295R]

1255 *Vehicle & weapon in hand & hand **attack** & **fire**.* [手 hand 33KR]

孝

FILIAL PIETY

KOO	KOOKOO	孝行	filial piety	[耂 old man 1213E]
				[子 child 95KR]

1256 KR *Old man with a child who shows **filial piety**.*

酵

1. FERMENTATION 2. YEAST

KOO	HAKKOO	発酵	fermentation	[酉 wine jar 220R]
	KOOBO	酵母	yeast	[孝 filial piety 1256KR]

1257 *Wine jar filled with filial piety after **fermentation** by **yeast**.*

教

1.TEACH 2. PREACH

KYOO	KYOOSHITSU	教室	a classroom	[孝 filial piety 1256KR]
	KYOOKAI	教会	a church	[攵 strike 200R]
oshi.	oshi.eru	教える	teach	
oso.	oso.waru	教わる	be taught / learn	

1258 *Filial piety- strike to **teach** it.*

射 謝 ~ 窮 。 徵 懲 ~ 微

射

SHOOT [身 body 62KR]

SHA	SHAGEKI	射撃	shooting / firing	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
i.	i.ru	射る	shoot	

1259 KR *Body and skilful hand **shoot**.* Once an unmistakable ideograph showing a bow & arrow to convey shoot. It evolved in several steps to the modern form, first by adding a hand which was subsequently replaced by skilful hand 寸 . The bow and arrow were then replaced with body 身 , likely the result of a copying error.

謝

1. APOLOGY 2. GRATITUDE

SHA	SHAZAI	謝罪	an apology	[言 word 35KR]
	KANSHA	感謝	gratitude / thanks	[射 shoot 1259KR]
ayama.	ayama.ru	謝る	apologize	

1260 *Words shoot forth in **apology** & **gratitude.***

窮

1. DISTRESS 2. REACH AN EXTREME

KYUU	KYUUJOO	窮状	distressing circumstances / dire straits	[穴 hole 51KR]
	KYUUKYOKU	窮極の	ultimate / final / last	[身 body 62KR]
kiwa.	kiwa.maru	窮まる	reach an extreme	[弓 bow 81KR]
	kiwa.meru	窮める	carry to extremes // bring to an end	

1261 *Hole with a body in a bow is in **distress** and has **reached an extreme**.*

徵

1. SIGN / SYMPTOM 2. COLLECT / DEMAND [彳 go 482R]

CHOO	CHOOKOO	徵候	sign / symptom / indication	[山 mountain 20KR]
	CHOOZEI	徵税	tax collection	[王 king 64KR]
	CHOOHEI	徵兵	conscription / military draft	[攵 strike 200R]

1262 KR *Go to the mountain king and strike him as a **sign** that you will **collect**.*

懲

1. PUNISH / DISCIPLINE 2. LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE [徵 sign 1262KR]

CHOO	CHOOBATSU	懲罰	punishment / discipline	[心 heart 61KR]
ko.	ko.rasu	懲らす	punish	
	ko.riru	懲りる	learn from experience / be taught a (bitter, good) lesson	

1263 *Sign that heart has been **punished** & has **learned from experience.***

微

TINY / MINUTE [彳 go 482R]

BI	BISEIBUTSU	微生物	a microorganism / a microbe	[山 mountain 20KR]
	BISAI na	微細な	tiny / minute // detailed	[几 table 119NJY]

1264 *Go to the mountain table and strike **tiny** & **minute** things.* [攵 strike 200R]

育 ~ 徹 撤 。 君 ~ 群 郡

育

1. GROW UP 2. BRING UP / RAISE

IKU	KYOOIKU	教育	education	[亠 newborn child 272E]
soda.	soda.tsu	育つ	grow up	[月 body 144R]
	soda.teru	育てる	bring up / raise / rear	

1265 KR *Newborn child's body will **grow up.***

徹

GO THROUGH [彳 go 482R]

TETSU	TETSUYA suru	徹夜	stay up all night	[育 grow up 1265KR]
	TETTEI TEKI	徹底的	thorough / exhaustive	[攵 strike 200R]

1266 *Go, grow up and strike as you **go through** (life).*

撤

WITHDRAW [扌 hand 122R]

TETSU	TEKKAI suru	撤回	withdraw / retract / repeal / revoke	[育 grow up 1265KR]
				[攵 strike 200R]

1267 *Hand grows up, strikes and **withdraws**.*

君

1. YOU 2. SUFFIX FOR GIVEN NAMES OF MALES 3. RULER

KUN	TAROO-KUN	太郎君	Taro (in familiar speach)	
	KUNSHU	君主	monarch / sovereign	[尹 hand]
kimi	kimi	君	you (in familiar masculine speach)	[口 mouth 85KR]

1268 KR *Hand with stick and mouth means **you** are **ruler**.*

群

GROUP

GUN	GUNSHUU	群集	a crowd / multitude / throng	[君 you 1268KR]
mu.	mu.re	群れ	a group / crowd / multitude / herd	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
mura.	mura.garu	群がる	crowd (flock, herd) together	

1269 *You sheep are in a **group.***

郡

DISTRICT / COUNTY

GUN	GUNBU	郡部	a rural district	[君 you 1268KR]
	WAKEGUN	和気郡	Wake District	[阝 village 347R]

1270 *You are in a village in Wake **District.***

意 ~ 憶 億 。 減 ~ 感 憾

意

I

1. THOUGHT 2. WILL 3. MIND

IKEN	意見	an opinion	[音 sound 1488KR]
ISHI	意志	will / volition	[心 heart 61KR]
ISHIKI	意識	consciousness	

1271 KR *Sounds of the heart are one's **thoughts, will** & **mind**.*

憶

OKU

REMEMBER

KIOKU	記憶	memory	[忄 feelings 133R]

1272 *Feelings and thoughts to **remember.*** [意 thought 1271KR]

億

OKU

100 MILLION

OKU	億	100 million	[亻 person 154R]
NIOKU	二億	200 million	[意 thought 1271KR]

1273 *Person with thoughts- **100 milion** of them.*

減

GEN
he.

DECREASE

GENSHOO	減少	a decrease / reduction / decline	[氵 water 101R]
he.ru	減る	it decreases / diminishes / lessens	[戊 halberd 420R]
he.rasu	減らす	decrease / diminish / lessen / shorten / curtail	[口 mouth 85KR]

1274 *Water, halberd and mouth **decrease**.* Note variant of 戊 . Halberds were also used as cutting tools for trimming *i.e.* decreasing the size or shape of something.

感

KAN

FEELING(S) / SENSATION [減 decrease 1274]

KANJOO	感情	feeling(s) / an emotion	[心 heart 61KR]
GOKAN	五感	the five senses	

1275 KR *Decreased heart has no **feelings** or **sensation.*** Note waterless 減 .

憾

KAN

REGRET

IKAN na	遺憾な	regrettable	[忄 feelings 133R]
			[感 feelings 1275KR]

1276 *Feelings and more feelings of **regret.***

既 ~ 概 慨 。 黒 ~ 墨 ~ 黙

既

ALREADY [艮 not good 423]

KI KISEIFUKU 既製服 a ready-made suit [牙 fang 834NJY]
sude sude ni 既に already

1277 KR *Not good that fang is bent **already**.* Remember the element 歹 as a 'bent' variant of 牙, even though the two are of different origins. Note variant of 'not good'.

概

1. GENERAL 2. APPROXIMATE

GAI GAINEN 概念 a general idea / concept [木 tree 70KR]
GAISAN 概算 a rough estimate [既 already 1277KR]

1278 *Tree already is **general** & **approximate**.*

慨

REGRET / LAMENT / DEPLORE

GAI GAITAN suru 慨嘆 regret / lament / deplore [忄 feelings 133R]

1279 *Feelings already **regreted, lamented & deplored**.* [既 already 1277KR]

黒

BLACK

KOKU KOKUJIN 黒人 a negro [里 village 56KR]
kuro kuro 黒 black [灬 fire 402R]
kuro. kuro.i 黒い black / dark / dusky / tanned

1280 KR *Village fire leaves everything **black**.*

墨

INK

BOKU HAKUBOKU 白墨 chalk [黒 black 1280KR]
sumi sumi 墨 India ink / an India ink stick [土 earth 15KR]
sumie 墨絵 an India ink drawing

1281 *Black earth makes good **ink**.*

黙

BE SILENT / SAY NOTHING

MOKU MOKUNIN suru 黙認 give tacit approval / connive (wink) at [黒 black 1280KR]
dama. dama.ru 黙る be silent / say nothing [犬 dog 89KR]

1282 *Black dog is **silent**.*

害 ~ 轄 割 。 憲

害

GAI

DAMAGE / INJURY / HARM

GAIsuru	害する	damage / injure / harm / hurt	[宀 house 107R]
HIGAI	被害	damage / injury / harm / casualties	[主 growing plant 389E]
SATSUGAI	殺害	murder	[口 pot]

1283 KR *House with a growing plant in a pot was **damaged** and its occupants were **injured & harmed**.*

轄

KATSU

JURISDICTION / CONTROL

KANKATSU	管轄	jurisdiction	[車 vehicle 40KR]
SHOKATSU	所轄	jurisdiction	[害 damage 1283KR]

1284 *Vehicle damage is under the **jurisdiction** and **control** (of the police).*

割

KATSU
wari
wa.

1. DIVIDE 2. RATE / PROPORTION [害 damage 1283KR]

BUNKATSU suru	分割	divide / split / partition	[刂 knife 163R]
wari	割	a rate / proportion / ratio // % // profit	
wa.reru	割れる	be split (cracked, broken)	
wa.ru	割る	divide // split apart // dilute / mix (whiskey with water)	

1285 *Damaged knife **divides** but at a lower **rate**.*

憲

KEN

CONSTITUTION / LAW [宀 house 107R]

KENPOO	憲法	a constitution	[主 growing plant 389E]
KENSEI	憲政	constitutional government	[目 eye 86KR]
			[心 heart 61KR]

1286 *House with a growing plant has an eye and a heart for the **constitution** & the **law**.*

兼 謙 嫌 ~ 廉

兼

1. COMBINE 2. DOUBLE AS 3. BE UNABLE

KEN	KENGYOO	兼業	a side line (business)	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	KENNIN	兼任	hold two posts simultaneously	[扌 hand]
ka.	ka.neru	兼ねる	combine // double as // be unable to	

1287 KR *Two rice plants held in the hand are **combined** and **double as** one, something I **am unable** to do.* The element 兼 is a doubling of rice plant 禾 .

謙

MODEST / HUMBLE

KEN	KENJOO	謙譲	modesty	[言 word 35KR]
	KENKYO na	謙虚な	modest / humble	[兼 combine 1287KR]

1288 *Words when combined are **modest** & **humble.***

嫌

DISLIKE / HATE

KEN	KEN'O	嫌悪	dislike / hatred / disgust / aversion	[女 woman 96KR]
GEN	KIGEN	機嫌	one's state of health (mood, humour)	[兼 combine 1287KR]
kira.	kira.u	嫌う	dislike / hate	
iya	iyaMI	嫌味	sarcasm / irony // nastiness	
	iya na	嫌な	disagreeable / hateful // unwilling	

1289 *Women when combined **dislike** & **hate** one another.*

廉

1. LOW PRICE 2. HONEST / PURE

REN	RENKA na	廉価な	low-priced / cheap	[广 building 186R]
	RENCHOKU na	廉直な	honest / upright / just	[兼 combine 1287KR]

1290 *Buildings that are combined are **low-priced** for the **honest** & **pure.***

裁　載　栽 ~ 織

裁

1. JUDGE　2. CUT (CLOTH, LEATHER)

SAI	SAIBAN	裁判	a trial	
	SAIKETSU	裁決	a judgement / decision	[戈 lance 419R]
	YOOSAI	洋裁	dress making (Western style)	[衣 clothing 265KR]
saba.	saba.ku	裁く	judge / try (a criminal case)	
ta.	ta.tsu	裁つ	cut (cloth, leather)	

1291 *Fancy lance **cuts** clothing after **judging** it.* In 裁 , the 'fancy' variant of lance signifies **'cut'**.The character originally meant to **cut cloth** into clothing. Cutting cloth represents decisive action- hence the associative meaning **'judge'.**

載

1. LOAD / CARRY　2. PLACE ON TOP OF　3. PUBLISH

SAI	MANSAI	満載	fully loaded	[戈 lance 419R]
	KEISAI suru	掲載	publish // insert (an ad in a newspaper)	[車 vehicle 40KR]
no.	no.ru	載る	appear in print / be mentioned	
	no.seru	載せる	place on top of // carry (passengers, freight) // publish / mention // insert (an ad in a newspaper)	

1292 *Fancy lance and vehicle **carry a load** which is **placed on top** and **published.***
In 載 , the 'fancy' variant of lance signifies 'trim' and 'adjust something'. A vehicle such as a cart or wagon is trimmed and adjusted after it is **loaded.**

栽

PLANTING

SAI	SAIBAI suru	栽培	cultivate / grow	[戈 lance 419R]
	BONSAI	盆栽	a bonsai	[木 tree 70KR]

1293 *Fancy lance and tree are **planted**.* Lances (& halberds) were used occasionally as temporary markers by thrusting them into the ground *i.e.* figuratively planting them. Originally 栽 meant to plant trees and came to mean **'planting'** in a broader sense.

織

FINE / SLENDER　[糸 thread 78KR]

SEN	SENSAI na	織細な	fine / delicate // subtle	[戈 lance 419R]
	SEN'I	織維	a fibre / textiles	[凵 hollow 484E]

1294 *Thread on fancy hollow lance is **fine** & **slender.***

岡 綱 鋼 ~ 剛

岡

oka

HILL (IN THE NAMES OF PLACES AND PERSONS) [冂 net 1047E]

Okayama-ken 岡山県 Okayama Prefecture [山 mountain 20KR]

1295 NJY *Net draws up a mountain until it is a (towering)* ***hill***. Although not a general use kanji, 岡 is found in the names of three prefectures (Okayama-ken, Fukuoka-ken and Shizuoka-ken) and in the names of at least eight large cities in Japan. The net element in 岡 conveys the idea of drawing something up to make it seem towering. In some compounds 岡 conveys the idea of strong or formidable.

綱

KOO

tsuna

1. ROPE 2. PRINCIPLES

KOORYOO	綱領	main points / plan / platform	[糸 thread 78KR]
SEIKOO	政綱	political principles / a party platform	[岡 hill 1295NJY]
tsuna	綱	a rope / line / cord	
tsunabiki	綱引き	a tug-of-war	
yokozuna	横綱	a sumo grand champion	

1296 *Thread by hill is a* ***rope****, in* ***principle***. Here, 岡 conveys the idea of strong and formidable *i.e.* thread (cordage) that is formidably strong is **rope**.

鋼

KOO
hagane

STEEL

KOOTETSU	鋼鉄	steel	[金 metal 10KR]
hagane	鋼	steel	[岡 hill 1295NJY]

1297 *Metal hill is made of* ***steel***. Formidably strong metal of course is **steel.**

剛

GOO

STRENGTH / HARDNESS

GOOKEN na	剛健な	strong & sturdy // manly / virile	[岡 hill 1295NJY]
KONGOOSEKI	金剛石	diamond	[刂 knife 163R]

1298 *Hill with a knife that has* ***strength*** *&* ***hardness.*** A formidable knife is one that is both strong and hard.

福　幅　副 ~ 富

FULL WINE JAR

1299 CO *From a pictograph* 畐 *of a* ***full wine jar*** *blessed by the gods and used in religious ceremonies.* As a CO character it simply means full.

福

FUKU

1. GOOD FORTUNE　2. WELFARE　3. HAPPINESS　4. WEALTH

FUKU	福	good fortune / good luck / wealth	
FUKUSHI	福祉	welfare / well-being	[礻 altar 330R]
KOOFUKU	幸福	happiness	[*v.s.* full wine ja 1299CO]
YUUFUKU	裕福	wealth / affluence	

1300 *Altar and full wine jar bring* ***good fortune, welfare, happiness*** *&* ***wealth****.*

幅

FUKU
haba

1. WIDTH / BREADTH　2. INFLUENCE

SHINPUKU	振幅	amplitude	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
haba	幅	width / breadth	[*v.s.* full wine j 1299CO]
haba ga kiku	幅が利く	be influential	

1301 *Cloth and a full wine jar have* ***width, breadth*** *&* ***influence****.* The elements in 幅 combine to convey the idea of the full **width** of a roll of cloth.

副

FUKU

1. VICE- / ASSISTANT　2. ACCOMPANY

FUKUSHACHOO	副社長	the vice-president of a company	[*v.s.* full wine ja 1299CO]
FUKUSAYOO	副作用	side effects	[刂 knife 163R]

1302 *Full wine jar with a knife- the* ***vice****-president will* ***accompany*** *them.*

富

FU
tomi
to.

WEALTH / RICHES

FUJISAN	富士山	Mount Fuji	
FUYUU	富裕	wealth	[宀 house 107R]
tomi	富	wealth / riches	[*v.s.* full wine ja 1299CO]
to.mu	富む	be wealthy (rich)	

1303 *House with a full wine jar has* ***wealth*** *&* ***riches.***

矛 務 霧 ~ 柔

矛

SPEAR / HALBERD

MU	MUJUN	矛盾	an inconsistency / a self-contradiction
hoko	hoko	矛	a spear / halberd

1304 KR *From a pictograph evolving from a simple **spear** 𠂇 to a barbed lance 𠂇 to the modern form 矛 of **spear**.*

務

1. WORK / BE EMPLOYED 2. SERVE

MU	JIMUSHO	事務所	an office	[矛 spear 1304KR]
	GAIMUSHOO	外務省	the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	[攵 strike 200R]
tsuto.	tsuto.meru	務める	work / serve	[力 power 17KR]

1305 KR *Spear strikes with power- so **work** & **serve**!* Originally 務 meant to force someone to do something at spear-point, but it now means to **work, serve** or perform one's duties.

霧

FOG

MU	MUTEKI	霧笛	a fog horn	[雨 rain 69KR]
kiri	kiri	霧	fog / mist	[務 work 1305KR]
	asagiri	朝霧	morning fog / mist	

1306 *Rain falls on those who work in the **fog**.*

柔

SOFT

JUU	JUUDOO	柔道	judo (lit. the soft way)	[矛 spear 1304KR]
NYUU	NYUUWA na	柔和な	gentle / tender / meek / mild	[木 tree 70KR]
yawa.	yawa.raka na	柔らかな	soft / gentle / mild / tender	

1307 *Spear on tree is **soft**.* Here 矛 is used in the botanical sense to express a spear of new growth which is **soft**.

成 盛 誠 ~ 城

成

BECOME

SEI	SEICHOO	成長	growth	[成 v 戊 halberd 420R]
	SEIJIN	成人	an adult / a grown-up	
	SEIKOO	成功	success	
na.	na.ru	成る	become	

1308 KR *Halberd* ***becomes***. The blade of a halberd was used for shaving and trimming wooden objects which would **become** just right.

盛

1. PROSPEROUS / THRIVING 2. SERVE FOOD 3. HEAP UP

SEI	SEIDAI na	盛大な	prosperous / thriving / grand / splendid	
JOO	HANJOO suru	繁盛	prosper / thrive / flourish	[成 become 1308KR]
saka.	saka.n na	盛んな	prosperous / thriving // magnificent / grand // energetic // popular	[皿 plate 23KR]
mo.	mo.ru	盛る	serve food // heap up	

1309 *Become a plate for the* ***prosperous*** *who* ***serve food heaped up.***

誠

1. SINCERITY 2. TRUTH / REALITY

SEI	SEIJITSU	誠実	sincerity / faithfulness / honesty	[言 word 35KR]
	SEII	誠意	sincerity	[成 become 1308KR]
makoto	makoto	誠	sincerity / faithfulness / fidelity / the truth / the reality	

1310 *Words become* ***sincere*** *&* ***true.***

城

CASTLE

JOO	JOOMON	城門	castle gate	[土 earth 15KR]
shiro	shiro	城	a castle	[成 become 1308KR]

1311 *Earth becomes a* ***castle.***

偉　緯　違　~　衛

韋

AGAINST THE NORM

1312 E *From a depiction of opposed feet around a central point.* In compounds this element lends connotations of differ, opposed to or going **against the norm.**

[⺊v 止 stop (foot) 3KR]
[⺊v 止 stop (foot) 3KR]
[口 a central point]

偉

1. GREAT / EXTRAORDINARY　2. EXCELLENT

I	IDAI na	偉大な	great / grand / mighty	
	ISAI	偉才	a great man / a man of extraordinary talent	[亻 person 154R] [*v.s.* ag the norm 1312E]
era.	era.i	偉い	great / extraordinary // serious // awful / violent // excellent	

1313 *Person who goes against the norm is* ***great, extraordinary*** *&* ***excellent****.*

緯

HORIZONTAL

I	IDO	緯度	latitude	[糸 thread 78KR]
	HOKUI	北緯	north latitude	[*v.s.* ag the norm 1312E]
	NAN' I	南緯	south latitude	

1314 *Thread that goes against the norm is* ***horizontal****.* This character refers to the weft in weaving *i.e.* the **horizontal** direction, as opposed to the warp. Note 1334E and 1335.

違

1. BE DIFFERENT　2. BE MISTAKEN

I	IHAN	違反	a violation / a breach (of the law)	[辶 movement 178R]
chiga.	chiga.u	違う	be different / differ / be mistaken / be wrong / not be	[*v.s.* ag the norm 1312E]
	chiga.eru	違える	change / alter // make a mistake // sprain / dislocate / break	
	machiga.i	間違い	a mistake / an error	

1315 *Movement against the norm is* ***different*** *and* ***mistaken.***

衛

DEFEND / PROTECT

EI	EISEI	衛生	hygiene / sanitation / health	[行 go 4KR]
	JIEITAI	自衛隊	(Japan's) Self-Defense Forces	[*v.s.* ag the norm 1312E]

1316 *Go against the norm to* ***defend*** *&* ***protect.***

周　週 ~ 調　彫

冂

PARTIAL ENCLOSURE Name: doogamae

1317 R *Looks like a **partial enclosure**.*

周

1. GO AROUND 2. CIRCUMFERENCE 3. SURROUNDINGS

SHUU	ISSHUU	一周	one circuit (lap, round, revolution)	
	ENSHUU	円周	the circumference of a circle	[冂 partial encl 1317R]
mawa.	mawa.ri	周り	lap // circumference // surroundings	[吉 good luck 795KR]

1318 KR *Partial enclosure of good luck **goes around** the **circumference** of your **surrroundings.***

週

WEEK

SHUU	KONSHUU	今週	this week	[辶 movement 178R]
	SENSHUU	先週	last week	[周 go around 1318KR]
	RAISHUU	来週	next week	

1319 *Movement that goes around is a **week.***

調

1. TUNE 2. INVESTIGATE

CHOO	CHOOSHI	調子	a tune / note / tone / key // condition // mood	[言 word 35KR] [周 go around 1318KR]
	CHOOSA	調査	an investigation / inquiry	
shira.	shira.beru	調べる	investigate / look into / check up on	

1320 *Word that goes around is a **tune**, so **investigate**.*

彫

CARVE / SCULPT

CHOO	CHOOZOO	彫像	a carved statue / sculpture	[周 go around 1318KR]
ho.	ho.ru	彫る	carve	[彡 hair 342CO]
	kibori	木彫	a wood carving	

1321 *Go around hair as you **carve** & **sculpt.***

並 ~ 霊 ~ 普 譜

並

1. LINE UP 2. ARRANGE 3. ORDINARY / AVERAGE

HEI	HEIKOO	並行	parallel	
nara.	nara.bu	並ぶ	be lined up // rank with	
	nara.beru	並べる	arrange / put in order / line up / put side by side	[立 stand up 25KR]
nami	nami	並	ordinary / average	

1322 KR *From a depiction of two standing persons* 立立 *(now fused into a single structure) to convey a* ***line up*** *of people.* ***Arrange*** *&* ***ordinary*** *are associated meanings.*

霊

SOUL / SPIRIT

REI	REI	霊	soul / spirit	
	YUUREI	幽霊	a ghost	[雨 rain 69KR]
RYOO	AKURYOO	悪霊	an evil spirit	[並 line up 1322KR]
tama	tama	霊	soul / spirit	

1323 *Rain falls on a line up of* ***souls*** *&* ***spirits.***

普

WIDESPREAD / GENERAL

FU	FUKYUU suru	普及	diffuse / spread / pervade / become widely used (owned)	[並 line up 1322KR] [日 sun 57KR]
	FUTSUU no	普通の	usual / ordinary / common / average	

1324 KR *Line up in the sun is* ***widespread*** *&* ***general.***

譜

1. MUSICAL NOTATION 2. GENEALOGY 3. RECORD

FU	GAKUFU	楽譜	a musical score / sheet music	[言 word 35KR]
	KEIFU	系譜	genealogy / pedigree	[普 widesp 1324KR]
	NENPU	年譜	a chronological record	

1325 *Words widespread as* ***musical notes*** *in* ***genealogies*** *and* ***records.***

匹 ~ 甚 ~ 勘 堪

匹

HITSU
hiki

1. MATCH 2. COUNTER FOR ANIMALS

HITTEKI suru	匹敵	be a match for / be equal to / rival	
inu ippiki	犬一匹	one dog	[匚 box 962R]
neko nihiki	猫二匹	two cats	

1326 KR *Box contains **matched** animals. **Count** them!*

甚

JIN
hanaha.

GREAT / IMMENSE / EXTREME

JINDAI na	甚大な	very great / immense	[甘 sweet 994KR]
hanaha.da	甚だ	very much / extremely	[匹 match 1326KR]
hanaha.dashii	甚だしい	excessive / great / serious	[匚 box 962R]

1327 KR *Sweet match is **great**.* This character originally referred to a sweet matched pair of lovers and symbolized great happiness. The meaning **'great'** prevails today.

勘

KAN

PERCEPTION / INTUITION / 6th SENSE

KAN	勘	perception / intuition / 6th sense	[甚 great 1327KR]
KANCHIGAI	勘違い	a misunderstanding / mistaken idea	[力 power 17KR]
KANJOO	勘定	bill / account / reckoning	

1328 *Great power is needed for **perception, intuition** & a **6th sense.***

堪

KAN
ta.

ENDURE

KANNIN	堪忍	patience / perseverance / endurance	[土 earth 15KR]
ta.eru	堪える	endure / withstand / bear	[甚 great 1327KR]

1329 *Earth is great and will **endure.***

去 ~ 法 ~ 却 脚

去

1. LEAVE / GO AWAY 2. PAST

KYO	KYONEN	去年	last year	[土 earth 15KR]
KO	KAKO	過去	the past	[厶 nose 502E]
sa	sa.ru	去る	leave / go away	

1330 KR *Earth on nose will **leave** & **go away** and be in the **past.***

法

1.LAW 2. METHOD 3. RELIGION

HOO	HOORITSU	法律	law	[氵 water 101R]
	HOOHOO	方法	a method / way / means	[去 leave 1330KR]
	HOOOO	法皇	the Pope	

1331 *Water leaves by the **law** (of gravity)- that's its **method** & **religion**.*

却

WITHDRAW / PULL BACK

KYAKU	KYAKKA suru	却下	reject / dismiss / turn down	[去 leave 1330KR]
	TAIKYAKU	退却	a withdrawal / retreat	[卩 bowing pers 706E]

1332 KR *Leave, bowing person! You must **withdraw**.* The character originally meant to withdraw from the presence of a superior, but now means **'withdraw'** in general.

脚

LEG

KYAKU	KYAKUBU	脚部	the leg	
	KYAKUCHUU	脚注	a footnote	[月 body 144R]
	SHIKKYAKU suru	失脚	lose one's footing / fall	[却 withdraw 1332KR]
KYA	KYA tatsu	脚立	a stepladder	
ashi	ashi	脚	a leg / foot	

1333 *Body part that withdraws is the **leg.***

経 軽 径 茎 ~ 怪

圣

VERTICAL [又 hand 295R]
[土 earth 15KR]

1334 E *Hand on the earth is **vertical**.* From a depiction of the **vertical** threads (warp) of a loom. In compounds, this element lends meanings such as **vertical**, passage, direct, path, insubstantial and, since the warp threads act as guides for the weft, guiding principle.

経

1. LONGITUDE 2. PASSAGE 3. SUTRA

KEI	KEII	経緯	longitude & latitude // circumstances	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KEIKA	経過	passage of time // progress	[*v.s.* vertical 1334E]
KYOO	KYOO	経	the sutras (Buddhist scriptures)	
he.	he.ru	経る	pass / elapse / go by // pass through	
ta.	ta.tsu	経つ	pass / elapse / go by	

1335 *Thread that is vertical is like **longitude** or a **passage** through the **sutras**.*

軽

1. LIGHT 2. SLIGHT 3. FRIVOLOUS

KEI	KEISHOKU	軽食	a light meal / a snack	
	KEIKOOGYOO	軽工業	light industry	[車 vehicle 40KR]
karu.	karu.i	軽い	light // slight // frivolous / flippant	[*v.s.* vertical 1334E]
karo.	karo.yaka na	軽やかな	light / airy	

1336 *Vehicle that is vertical is **light, slight** & **frivolous**.*

径

1. PATH 2. DIAMETER

KEI	KEIRO	経路	a route / course	[彳 go 482R]
	CHOKKEI	直径	diameter	[*v.s.* vertical 1334E]
	HANKEI	半径	radius	

1337 *Go on the vertical **path** because it's the **diameter**.*

茎

STALK / STEM

KEI	CHIKAKEI	地下茎	a rhizome / an underground stem	[艹 plant 99R]
kuki	kuki	茎	a stalk / stem	[*v.s.* vertical 1334E]

1338 *Plant that is vertical has a **stalk** or **stem**.*

怪

WEIRD / SUSPICIOUS

KAI	KAIBUTSU	怪物	a monster / spook / apparition	[忄 feelings 133R]
	KAIDAN	怪談	a ghost story	[*v.s.* vertical 1334E]
aya.	aya.shii	怪しい	doubtful / dubious / suspicious / strange	
	aya.shimu	怪しむ	doubt / suspect / wonder (at, if, whether)	

1339 *Feelings that are vertical are **weird** & **suspicious**.*

振 娠 震 唇 ~ 辱

振

1. WAVE / SHAKE / SWING 2. AIR / APPEARANCE [扌 hand 122R]

SHIN	SHINDOO suru	振動	oscillate / vibrate	[辰 clam shell 501E]
fu.	fu.ru	振る	something waves (shakes, swings) // reject / cast off // allot // attach 'kana' to Chinese characters	
	fu.ri	振り	air / appearance / dress / manner // show / pretense	
	fu.ruu	振るう	shake / brandish (a sword) / exercise authority over / be spirited	

1340 *Hand holding a clam shell **waves** & **shakes**- that's the **air** & **appearance** of it.*
The 'clam shell' element in 振 is used in its sense of a cutting tool, likely a scythe. The ideograph depicts a hand **swinging** a scythe. **Air** & **appearance** are figurative meanings.

娠

PREGNANCY

SHIN	NINSHIN	妊娠	pregnancy	[女 woman 96KR] [*v.s.* clam shell 501E]

1341 *Woman resembles a clam shell during **pregnancy.***

震

SHAKE / TREMBLE

SHIN	SHINDOO suru	震動	shake / tremble / vibrate / swing	[雨 rain 69KR]
	JISHIN	地震	an earthquake	[*v.s.* clam shell 501E]
furu.	furu.eru	震える	shake / tremble / vibrate / shiver / quiver	

1342 *Rain makes clam shells **shake** & **tremble.***

唇

LIP(S)

SHIN	SHIN'ON	唇音	a labial sound	[*v.s.* clam shell 501E]
kuchibiru	kuchibiru	唇	a lip / lips	[口 mouth 85KR]

1343 *Clam shell mouth- and what **lips**!*

辱

INSULT / HUMILIATE

JOKU	BUJOKU	侮辱	an insult	[*v.s.* clam shell 501E]
	KUTSUJOKU	屈辱	humiliation / disgrace	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
hazuka.	hazuka.shimeru	辱しめる	shame / disgrace / humiliate	

1344 *Clam shell in skilful hand can be used to **insult** & **humiliate.***

腹 複 復 覆 ~ 履

复

REVERSIBLE

1345 E *Horizontal person in the sun with an upturned foot is* ***reversible***. The element is in fact derived from a reversible food container 畐 (represented by 𠂤 in the modern version) combined with upturned foot which reinforces **reversible.**

[亻horiz person 805]
[日 sun 57KR]
[夂 upturned foot 459R]

腹

BELLY / GUTS

FUKU	KUUFUKU	空腹	an empty belly / hunger	[月 body part 144R]
	SEPPUKU	切腹	'harakiri' / suicide by cutting one's belly	[*v.s.* reversible 1345E]
hara	hara	腹	the belly / guts / stomach // courage	

1346 *Body part that is reversible is the* ***belly.***

複

DOUBLE / MULTIPLE

FUKU	FUKUGOO no	複合の	compound / complex	[衤clothing 358R]
	FUKUZATSU na	複雑な	complicated	[*v.s.* reversible 1345E]

1347 *Clothing that is reversible is* ***double.***

復

1. REPEAT 2. BE RESTORED

FUKU	FUKUSHUU suru	復習	review (one's lessons)	[彳go 482R]
	KAIFUKU	回復	recovery (from an illness)	[*v.s.* reversible 1345E]

1348 KR *Go in reverse, then* ***repeat*** *it so you can* ***be restored.***

覆

1. COVER / CONCEAL 2. OVERTURN

FUKU	FUKUMEN	覆面	a mask	
kutsuga.	kutsuga.eru	覆える	be overturned (capsized, overthrown)	[西 west 84KR]
	kutsuga.esu	覆えす	overturn / capsize / overthrow	[復 repeat 1348KR]
oo.	oo.u	覆う	cover / veil / hang over // conceal / hide	

1349 *West repeats that it* ***covers*** *&* ***conceals*** *what it* ***overturns.***

履

1. PUT ON / WEAR (SHOES, PANTS) 2. ACT / DO

RI	ZOORI	草履	Japanese toe-strap sandals	[尸buttocks 105R]
	RIKOO suru	履行	carry out / perform / fulfill	[復 repeat 1348KR]
	RIREKISHO	履歴書	a curriculum vitae	
ha.	ha.ku	履く	put on / wear (shoes, pants)	

1350 *Buttocks repeat when one* ***puts on*** *shoes or pants- that's how they* ***act!***

浅 銭 践 ~ 桟 ~ 残

浅

1. SHALLOW 2. LIGHT / SLIGHT / PALE

SEN	SENPAKU na	浅薄な	shallow // superficial / frivolous	[氵 water 101R]
	SENKEN	浅見	a shallow view / superficial knowledge	[二 two 38KR]
asa.	asa.i	浅い	shallow // light / slight / pale	[戈 lance 419R]

1351 *Water with two lances is **shallow** and **light, slight** & **pale**.*

銭

MONEY / COIN / CASH

SEN	KINSEN	金銭	money / cash	[金 metal 10KR]
zeni	zeni	銭	money / coin / cash	[二 two 38KR]
	kozeni	小銭	small change	[戈 lance 419R]

1352 *Metal for two lances is **money, coin** or **cash**.*

践

PUT INTO PRACTICE

SEN	JISSEN	実践	practice	[足 foot 34KR]
	JISSEN suru	実践	put into practice	[二 two 38KR]
	JISSEN TEKI	実践的	practical	[戈 lance 419R]

1353 *Foot and two lances are **put into practice** (in wartime).*

桟

1. CROSSPIECE 2. FRAME 3. BOLT (OF A DOOR)

SAN	SAN	桟	a crosspiece // frame // bolt (of a door)	[木 tree 70KR]
	SANBASHI	桟橋	a pier / jetty / quay / dock	[二 two 38KR]
				[戈 lance 419R]

1354 *Tree with two lances form a **crosspiece**, **frame** or **bolt.***

残

1. LEAVE BEHIND / REMAIN BEHIND 2. CRUEL

ZAN	ZANdaka	残高	the balance / remainder	
	ZANGYOO	残業	overtime (work)	[歹 bare bones 367E]
	ZANKOKU na	残酷な	cruel / brutal / merciless	[二 two 38KR]
	ZANNEN	残念	regrettable / too bad	[戈 lance 419R]
noko.	noko.ru	残る	be left over / remain	
	noko.su	残す	leave behind	
	nokorimono	残り物	leftovers	

1355 *Bare bones and two lances were **left behind.***

監 艦 鑑 ~ 濫 。 覧

監

KAN

WATCH CLOSELY [臣 retainer 65KR]

KANSHI	監視	surveillance / supervision	[⺈ horiz person 805]
KANSA	監査	an inspection / an audit	[皿 plate 23KR]

1356 KR *Retainer and horizontal person* ***watch*** *one plate* ***closely***. Early versions show a person bending over to stare at his reflection in a plate of water. Here, 臣 functions in the sense of ' watchful eye'.

艦

KAN

WARSHIP

GUNKAN	軍艦	a warship	[舟 boat 12KR]
SENKAN	戦艦	a battleship	[監 watch clos 1356KR]
SENSUIKAN	潜水艦	a submarine	

1357 *Boat that watches closely is a* ***warship.***

鑑

KAN

TAKE NOTE OF / HEED

KANSHOO	鑑賞	appreciation (of art, music, beauty)	[金 metal 10KR]
KANTEI	鑑定	judgment / expert advice (opinion)	[監 watch clos 1356KR]
NENKAN	年鑑	a yearbook / an annual	

1358 *Metal is watched closely-* ***take note of*** *it.*

濫

RAN

1. OVERFLOW 2. DO TO EXCESS

HANRAN	氾濫	flooding	[氵water 101R]
RANKAKU	濫獲	overfishing / overhunting	[監 watch clos 1356KR]
RANYOO	濫用	abuse / misuse / misappropriation	

1359 *Water watched closely in case it* ***overflows to excess.***

覧

RAN

SEE / LOOK AT

GORAN	ご覧	look at / try	[臣 retainer 65KR]
KANRAN	観覧	an inspection / viewing	[⺈ horiz person 805]
KANRANSHA	観覧車	a Ferris wheel	[見 see 1777KR]

1360 *Retainer and horizontal person are one in what they* ***see*** *and* ***look at.***

喝 渴 褐 ~ 謁 ~ 掲

曷

INTERROGATION [日 sun 57KR]
[勹 wrap 192R]
[匕 seated pers 121R]

1361 E *Sun on wrapped up seated person as he undergoes* ***interrogation***. From a CO character showing a person in a corner surrounded by his interrogators. The element 日 is not 'sun' but 'say' 曰 (a pictograph of a mouth with a tongue) and gives the meaning **'interrogation'**.

喝

KATSU

SCOLD / SHOUT [口 mouth 85KR]

IKKATSU suru	一喝	yell / roar	
KYOOKATSU	恐喝	a threat / intimidation / black mail	[*v.s.* interrogation 1361E]

1362 *Mouth during interrogation* ***shouts*** *&* ***scolds***.

渴

KATSU

THIRST [氵 water 101R]

KASSUI	渴水	a shortage of water	[*v.s* interrogation 1361E]
KIKATSU	飢渴	hunger & thirst	
KOKATSU suru	枯渴	run dry / be dried up (drained, exhausted)	
kawa. kawa.ku	渴く	be thirsty	

1363 *Water given during interrogation because of* ***thirst.***

褐

KATSU

1. BROWN 2. COARSE CLOTH [衤 clothing 358R]

KASSHOKU	褐色	brown	[*v.s.* interrogation 1361E]

1364 *Clothing during interrogation is* ***brown*** *& made from* ***coarse cloth.***

謁

ETSU

AUDIENCE WITH A RULER [言 word 35KR]

HAIETSU	拝謁	an audience (with the Emperor)	[*v.s.* interrogation 1361E]

1365 *Words of interrogation while having an* ***audience*** *(with the Emperor).*

掲

KEI

1. PUT UP (A SIGN) 2. HOIST (A FLAG) 3. PUBLISH [扌 hand 122R]

KEIJIBAN	掲示板	a notice board / a bulletin board	
KEIYOO suru	掲揚	hoist / fly / raise (a flag)	[*v.s.* interrogation 1361E]
KEISAI suru	掲載	publish / insert (an ad in a newspaper)	
kaka. kaka.geru	掲げる	put up / hoist / publish	

1366 *Hand during interrogation* ***puts up*** *a sign,* ***hoists*** *a flag and* ***publishes*** *an ad.*

僧 層 贈 ~ 増 憎

曾

BUILD UP [丶' out of 278E]
1367 E *Steam out of a field in the sun* ***builds up***. From an ideograph showing steam issuing out of a rice cooker to convey a **build up** of pressure. [田 field 16KR] [日 sun 57KR]

僧

SOO

PRIEST

SOO	僧	a Buddhist priest	[亻 person 154R]
SOOIN	僧院	a monastery / temple	[*v.s* build up 1367E]

1368 *Person who builds up (character) is a* ***priest.***

層

SOO

LAYER / STRATUM

SOOUN	層雲	a stratus cloud	[尸 buttocks 105R]
JOOSOO	上層	the upper classes (layers, floors)	[*v.s.* build up 1367E]
KASOO	下層	a lower layer / a substratum	

1369 *Buttocks build up in* ***layers*** *&* ***strata****.*

贈

SOO
ZOO
oku.

GIVE / PRESENT / BESTOW

KISOO / KIZOO	寄贈	a donation / contribution	[貝 money 91KR]
ZOOYO	贈与	a gift / present / donation	[*v.s.* build up 1367E]
oku.ru	贈る	give / present / bestow	
okurimono	贈り物	a gift / present	

1370 *Money builds up- so* ***give, present*** *or* ***bestow*** *some.*

増

ZOO
ma.
fu.

INCREASE

ZOOKA	増加	an increase / rise / growth	[土 earth 15KR]
ZOOSAN	増産	an increase in production	[*v.s.* build up 1367E]
ma.su	増す	increase / build up / rise	
fu.eru	増える	something increases (in number, quantity)	
fu.yasu	増やす	increase / add to / raise / multiply	

1371 *Earth builds up and* ***increases****.*

憎

ZOO
niku.

HATE

ZOOO	憎悪	hatred / malice	[忄 feelings 133R]
niku.mu	憎む	hate / detest / abominate	[*v.s.* build up 1367E]
niku.i	憎い	hateful / detestable / abominable	
niku.shimi	憎しみ	hatred / spite	

1372 *Feelings that build up are* ***hate.***

観 勧 歓 ~ 権 ~ 確

雋

CRESTED BIRD

1373 E *From a pictograph of a bird with a crest, likely the heron.* [隹 bird 267R]

観

WATCH / VIEW / OBSERVE

KAN

KANKOO	観光	sight-seeing	[*v.s.* crested bird 1373E]
KANKYAKU	観客	a spectator / the audience	[見 see 1777KR]

1374 *Crested bird sees as it* ***watches, views & observes.***

勧

1. ADVISE 2. RECOMMEND 3. ENCOURAGE

KAN susu.

KANKOKU	勧告	advice / counsel / recommendation	[*v.s.* crested bird 1373E]
susu.meru	勧める	advise / counsel / persuade / recommend // encourage	[力 power 17KR]

1375 *Crested bird has power- I* ***advise, recommend*** *&* ***encourage*** *you to have it too.*

歓

JOY / PLEASURE [*v.s.* crested bird 1373E]

KAN

KANGEI	歓迎	a welcome / reception	[欠 lack 28KR]
KANTAI	歓待	a warm reception / hospitality	

1376 *Crested bird lacks* ***joy*** *&* ***pleasure****.* In fact, the crested bird referred to in 歓 is the heron, which was a delicacy at Chinese banquets. The element 欠 is used for its pictographic meaning of a gaping mouth. The character 歓 depicts a person gorging himself at a banquet and conveys **joy** & **pleasure**.

権

RIGHT / AUTHORITY

KEN

KENRI	権利	a right / priviledge / claim	[木 tree 70KR]
JINKEN	人権	human rights	[*v.s.* crested bird 1373E]
SHUKEN	主権	sovereign power / sovereignty	

1377 *Tree with crested bird who has the* ***right*** *&* ***authority*** *to be there.*

確

1. CERTAIN 2. MAKE SURE OF [石 stone 30KR]

KAKU tashi.

KAKUJITSU	確実	certain / sure / reliable / sound	[*v.s.* crested bird 1373E]
KAKUNIN	確認	confirmation	
tashi.ka na	確かな	certain / sure / positive / definite // reliable // secure // sound // correct // genuine // competent	
tashi.kameru	確かめる	make sure of / confirm / verify	

1378 *Stone is by unusual crested bird- I'm* ***certain****, but please* ***make sure of*** *it.* Remember the bird element as an unusual variant of crested bird. The bird is likely a crane, and lends the meaning of 'white' to stone, a reference to granite. The various meanings of the character are by association with the qualities of granite.

博 薄 ~ 縛 ~ 簿 。 専

専

SPREAD OUT [甫 v 甫 begin 357NJY]
1379 E *Begin with a skilful hand and* ***spread it out.*** [寸 skilful hand 55KR]

博

EXTENSIVE / BROAD [十 ten 52KR]

HAKU	HAKUBUTSUKAN	博物館	a museum	[*v.s.* spread out 1379E]
	HAKUSHI	博士	a Ph.D. / doctor of philosophy	
	HAKASE*	博士	a Ph.D. / doctor of philosophy (informal usage)	

1380 *Ten (fingers) when spread out are* ***extensive*** *&* ***broad****.*

薄

THIN / WEAK / LIGHT

HAKU	HAKUJAKU na	薄弱な	weak / feeble / flimsy	
	HAKKYUU	薄給	a meagre salary / low pay	
usu.	usu.i	薄い	thin (paper) / weak (tea) / light (colour)	[⺾ plant 99R]
	usu.maru /	薄まる		[氵 water 101R]
	usu.ragu /	薄らぐ		[*v.s.* spread out 1379E]
	usu.reru	薄れる	something thins / weakens / fades	
	usu.meru	薄める	thin / weaken / lighten / dilute	

1381 *Plant and water when spread out are* ***thin, weak*** *&* ***light****.*

縛

1. BIND / TIE UP 2. ARREST

BAKU	SOKUBAKU	束縛	restraint / restriction / fetters	[糸 thread 78KR]
	HOBAKU	捕縛	an arrest	[*v.s.* spread out 1379E]
shiba.	shiba.ru	縛る	bind / tie up // arrest / restrict	

1382 *Thread when spread out can* ***bind*** *&* ***tie up*** *someone for an* ***arrest.***

簿

LEDGER / RECORD BOOK [⺮bamboo 71KR]

BO	BOKI	簿記	bookkeeping	[氵 water 101R]
	CHOOBO	帳簿	a ledger / an account book / a register	[*v.s.* spread out 1379E]

1383 *Bamboo and water when spread out will ruin* ***ledgers*** *&* ***record books****.*

専

EXCLUSIVE / SOLE

SEN	SENMON	専門	a speciality / one's major (in university)	
	SEN'YOO	専用	exclusive (sole, private) use	[*v.s.* spread out 1379E]
moppa.	moppa.ra	専ら	chiefly / principally / wholly / exclusively	

1384 *Spread out but dot-less: that's the* ***exclusive*** *and* ***sole*** *mnemonic for this kanji.*

建 健 ~ 筆 ~ 律 ~ 津

聿

WRITE

1385 E *Depiction of a three-fingered hand holding a writing brush to convey* ***write.***

建

BUILD

KEN	KENSETSU	建設	construction	[廴 simple move 178R]
KON	KONRYUU	建立	construction / erection (of a building)	[聿 write 1385E]
ta.	ta.tsu	建つ	be built	
	ta.teru	建てる	build / construct / erect	
	tatemono	建物	a building	

1386 KR *Simple movement of writing is like* ***building.*** An ideograph in which picking up and using a writing brush *i.e.* raising it from horizontal to vertical, conveys the idea of erecting a building. The element 'simple movement' further emphasizes **building.**

健

HEALTHY

KEN	KENKOO	健康	health	[亻 person 154R]
suko.	suko.yaka na	健やかな	healthy / robust	[建 build 1386 KR]

1387 *Person who builds is* ***healthy.***

筆

WRITING BRUSH

HITSU	ENPITSU	鉛筆	a pencil	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
fude	fude	筆	a writing brush	[聿 write 1385E]

1388 *Bamboo* ***writing brush.***

律

1. LAW 2. REGULATIONS

RITSU	HOORITSU	法律	law / a law / the law	[彳 go 482R]
	KIRITSU	規律	order // discipline // regulations / law	[聿 write 1385E]

1389 *Go write the* ***law*** *&* ***regulations***

津

1. HARBOUR 2. OVERFLOWING

SHIN	KYOOMISHINSHIN	興味津々	very interesting	[氵 water 101R]
tsu-	tsunami	津波	a tsunami / a tidal wave	[聿 write 1385E]

1390 *Water is something to write about- the* ***harbour*** *is* ***overflowing*** *from the tsunami.*

軍 ~ 運 ~ 揮 輝 。光

軍

ARMY / MILITARY

GUN

RIKUGUN	陸軍	army	[冖 cover 247R]
KAIGUN	海軍	navy	[車 vehicle 40KR]
KUUGUN	空軍	airforce	

1391 KR *Covered vehicle is in the **army**.*

運

1. LUCK / FORTUNE / FATE 2. TRANSPORT 3. MOTION

UN

UN	運	luck / fortune / fate	[辶 movement 178R]
UNTENSHU	運転手	a driver (taxi, bus)	[軍 army 1391KR]
UNDOO	運動	movement / motion // physical exercise / sports	
hako. hako.bu	運ぶ	transport / carry / convey	

1392 *Movement of an army depends on **luck, transport** & **motion**.*

揮

1. COMMAND 2. WIELD / SHAKE 3. SCATTER

KI

SHIKI	指揮	command / orders / direction	[扌 hand 122R]
SHIKISHA	指揮者	an orchestra conductor	[軍 army 1391KR]
KIHATSU	揮発	volatilization	

1393 *Hand in the army **commands** & **wields** (a sword) to **scatter** (the enemy).*

輝

SHINE / GLITTER / BE GLORIOUS

KI
kagaya.

KOOKI aru	光輝ある	brilliant / glorious	[光 light 1395KR]
kagaya.kashii	輝かしい	shining / bright / glorious	[軍 army 1391KR]
kagaya.ku	輝く	something shines / glitters / gleams	
kagaya.kasu	輝かす	light up / brighten	

1394 *Light from the army **shines, glitters** and is **glorious**.*

光

1. LIGHT 2. SHINE

KOO
hikari
hika.

NIKKOO	日光	sunlight / sunshine	[小 small 2KR]
GEKKOO	月光	moonlight	[一 one 37KR]
hikari	光	light / a ray / beam	[儿 legs 302R]
hika.ru	光る	shine	

1395 KR *Small one with legs has a **light** that **shines.*** From a depiction of a person carrying a torch. Note variant of small.

摘 滴 適 敵 ~ 嫡 。 商

商

OLD EMPEROR [帝 emperor 248KR]
1396 E *A fusion of a variant of **emperor** with **old.*** [古 old 763KR]

摘

TEKI
tsu.

1. PICK / PLUCK 2. EXTRACT

TEKISHUTSU suru	摘出	pick out / extract / remove	[扌 hand 122R]
tsu.mu	摘む	pick / pluck / gather	[*v.s.* old emperor 1396E]

1397 *Hand of old emperor **picks, plucks** & **extracts.***

滴

TEKI
shizuku
shitata.

DRIP / DROP

UTEKI	雨滴	a raindrop	[氵 water 101R]
shizuku	滴	a drop	[*v.s.* old emperor 1396E]
shitata.ru	滴る	drip / drop / trickle	

1398 *Water of old emperor **drips & drops.***

適

TEKI
kana.

SUITABLE / APPROPRIATE

TEKITOO na	適当な	suitable / appropriate	[辶 movement 178R]
kana.u	適う	suit / fit / agree with / conform to	[*v.s.* old emperor 1396E]

1399 *Movement of old emperor is **suitable** & **appropriate.***

敵

TEKI
kataki

ENEMY / OPPONENT / RIVAL

TEKIHEI	敵兵	an enemy soldier / the enemy	[*v.s.* old emperor 1396E]
kataki	敵	an enemy / opponent / rival	[攵 strike 200R]

1400 *Old emperor strikes his **enemies, opponents** & **rivals.***

嫡

CHAKU

LEGITIMATE HEIR

CHAKUSHI	嫡子	a legal heir / a legitimate child	[女 woman 96KR]

1401 *Woman with old emperor has a **legitimate heir.*** [*v.s.* old emperor 1396E]

商

SHOO
akina.

DEAL IN / TRADE

SHOOBAI	商売	trade / business / commerce	[帝 emperor 248KR]
SHOONIN	商人	a merchant / dealer	[儿 legs 302R]
akina.u	商う	deal in / trade / sell / handle	[口 mouth 85KR]

1402 *Emperor with legs and a mouth **deals in** (tea).*

旗 棋 基 期 ~ 欺 ~ 碁

其

WINNOWING DEVICE
1403 E *From a pictograph of a **winnowing device**.* The element can convey the idea of cycles of time and the harvest, or the selection of small discrete items.

旗

FLAG [方 side 726KR]

KI	KOKKI	国旗	the national flag	[亻一 horiz person 805]
hata	hata	旗	a flag / banner	[*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

1404 *At the side of the horizontal person and the winnowing device there is a **flag.***

棋

CHESS

KI	SHOOGI	将棋	'shogi' / Japanese chess	[木 tree 70KR]

1405 *Tree by winnowing device is a good spot for **chess.*** [*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

基

BASIS / FOUNDATION / ORIGIN

KI	KIHON	基本	the basics / fundamentals // a standard	
motoi	motoi	基	the basis / foundation / origin	[*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

1406 *Winnowing device on earth has a sound **basis.*** [土 earth 15KR]

期

1. PERIOD OF TIME / TERM 2. EXPECT [*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

KI	KIGEN	期限	a period of time / term / deadline	[月 moon 58KR]
	GAKKI	学期	a school term / semester	
	KITAI suru	期待	expect / anticipate / place one's hopes on	

1407 *Winnowing device and moon appear at the harvest **period of time. Expect** them.*

欺

DECEIVE / DUPE [*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

GI	SAGI	詐欺	fraud / swindling	[欠 lack 28KR]
azamu.	azamu.ku	欺く	deceive / dupe	

1408 *Winnowing device is lacking- I've been **deceived** & **duped.*** Students trying to derive the meaning of this kanji from its elements will also be **deceived** & **duped**: the meaning is entirely borrowed.

碁

THE GAME OF 'GO' [*v.s.* winnow dev 1403E]

GO	GO	碁	the game of 'go'	[石 stone 30KR]
	GOBAN	碁盤	a 'go' board	

1409 *Winnowing device with stones resembles **the game of 'go'**.*

酒 ~ 酬 醜 ~ 猶 ~ 尊 ~ 遵

酒

SAKE / LIQUOR / ALCOHOL

SHU	KINSHU	禁酒	abstinence from alcohol / temperance	[氵 water 101R]
sake	sake	酒	'sake' / rice wine	[酉 wine jar 220R]
saka-	sakaba	酒場	a bar / tavern / saloon	

1410 *Water in wine jar is really* ***sake, liquor*** *or* ***alcohol.***

醜

UGLY

SHUU	SHUUAKU na	醜悪な	ugly / foul / offensive	[*v.s.* wine jar 220R]
	SHUUBUN	醜聞	a scandal	[鬼 demon 1736KR]
miniku.	miniku.i	醜い	ugly	

1411 *Wine jar with a demon who is* ***ugly.*** Note that 酬 224 is included in the top line to emphasize sound-structure relationships.

猶

DELAY [犭 animal 150R]

YUU	YUUYO suru	猶予	postpone / defer / extend (a deadline)	[丷 out of 278E] [*v.s.* wine jar 220R]

1412 *Animal out of wine jar causes a* ***delay.***

尊

1. RESPECT / ESTEEM 2. VALUABLE 3. HONOUR

SON	SONKEI	尊敬	respect / esteem	
tooto.	tooto.i /	尊い		
tatto.	tatto.i	尊い	noble / high / exalted // valuable / precious // honourable	[丷 out of 278E] [*v.s.* wine jar 220R]
	tooto.bu /	尊ぶ		[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	tatto.bu	尊ぶ	respect / honour / revere // esteem / prize / set a high value on	

1413 KR *Out of wine jar a skilful hand (pours) with* ***respect*** *&* ***esteem*** *for a* ***valuable*** *&* ***honoured*** *(superior).*

遵

OBEY / FOLLOW

JUN	JUNSHU suru	遵守	follow / abide by (the rules)	[辶 movement 178R] [尊 respect 1413KR]

1414 *Movement with respect* ***obeys*** *&* ***follows.***

悦 閲 ~ 説 ~ 脱 ~ 鋭 ~ 税

悦

JOY [忄 feelings 133R]

ETSU ETSURAKU 悦楽 joy / pleasure / enjoyment [兄 elder bro 673KR]

1415 *Feelings of excited elder brother are **joy**.* Remember 兌 as the excited variant of 兄.

閲

INSPECTION / REVIEW [門 gate 145KR]

ETSU ETSURAN 閲覧 inspection / perusal / reading [兄 elder bro 673KR]
EPPEI 閲兵 a troop inspection / review

1416 *Gate is where excited elder brother enters to do his **inspection**.*

説

1. EXPLAIN 2. PERSUADE 3. OPINION / THEORY

SETSU SETSUMEI 説明 an explanation [言 word 35KR]
SHASETSU 社説 an editorial [兄 elder bro 673KR]
GAKUSETSU 学説 a theory / doctrine
ZEI YUUZEI 遊説 political campaigning
to. to.ku 説く explain // advise // persuade // preach / expound // advocate

1417 *Words of excited elder brother **explain** & **persuade** others of his **opinion** & **theory**.*

脱

1. ESCAPE 2. TAKE OFF / REMOVE (CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR)

DATSU DASSOO suru 脱走 escape / run away / flee / desert
DASsuru 脱する escape / get out of danger // withdraw [月 body 144R]
nu. nu.geru 脱げる come off / slip off (clothing, footwear) [兄 elder bro 673KR]
nu.gu 脱ぐ take off / remove (clothing, footwear)

1418 *Body of excited elder brother who **escapes** after he **takes off** his clothes.*

鋭

SHARP

EI EIRI na 鋭利な sharp / sharp-edged [金 metal 10KR]
surudo. surudo.i 鋭い sharp / sharp-edged [兄 elder bro 673KR]

1419 *Metal of excited elder brother is **sharp**.*

税

TAX

ZEI ZEI 税 a tax / duty [禾 rice plant 213R]
ZEIKAN 税関 customs [兄 elder bro 673KR]

1420 *Rice plant of excited elder brother is for **taxes**.*

陽 揚 ~ 場 ~ 腸 ~ 傷 ~ 湯

易

SUNRISE
1421 E *Depiction of the sun above the horizon with streaming rays to convey* ***sunrise.***
Distinguish between the elements 日 (simple) sunrise 548E and **sunrise**.

陽

1. SUN 2. POSITIVE

YOO	YOOKOO	陽光	sunshine / sunlight	[阝 hill 185R]
	TAIYOO	太陽	the sun	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]
	YOOSEI	陽性	positive / lively / active	

1422 *Hill at sunrise is in the* ***sun*** *and that's* ***positive.***

揚

1. RAISE 2. FRY

YOO	KEIYOO suru	掲揚	raise / hoist / fly (a flag)	[扌 hand 122R]
a.	a.garu	揚がる	something rises (goes up)	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]
	a.geru	揚げる	raise / lift up // fry	

1423 *Hand at sunrise* ***raises*** *something to* ***fry*** *it.*

場

PLACE

JOO	KAIJOO	会場	a meeting place	[土 earth 15KR]
ba	baSHO	場所	a place / spot / location / space / seat	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]

1424 *Earth at sunrise is the* ***place*** *to be.*

腸

INTESTINES [月 body part 144R]

CHOO	CHOO	腸	the intestines / bowels / guts	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]

1425 *Body part that has no sunrise are the* ***intestines.***

傷

1. WOUND / INJURY 2. FEEL PAIN

SHOO	SHOOGAI	傷害	an injury / harm	[亻 person 154R]
kizu	kizu	傷	a wound / injury / cut / bruise / blemish	[亠 horiz person 805]
ita.	ita.mu	傷む	feel pain / ache // be injured	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]
	ita.meru	傷める	hurt / injure / damage / worry	

1426 *Person and horizontal person at sunrise are* ***wounded*** *and* ***feel pain.***

湯

HOT WATER

TOO	TOOJI	湯治	a hot-spring cure	[氵 water 101R]
yu	yu	湯	hot water // a hot bath	[*v.s.* sunrise 1421E]

1427 *Water at sunrise soon becomes* ***hot water.***

尚 賞 償 掌 常 堂 党

尚

1. ESTEEM / RESPECT 2. FURTHER [小 small 2KR]

SHOO

KOOSHOO na 高尚な noble / lofty / elegant / refined [向 house with a win 74]
SHOOSOO 尚早 premature / too early
1428 KR *Small house with a window deserves **esteem** & **respect**, even **further**...*

賞

1. PRIZE 2. PRAISE

SHOO

SHOOHIN 賞品 a prize [尚 esteem 1428KR]
SHOOSAN 賞賛 praise / admiration [貝 money 91KR]
1429 KR *Esteem and money for a **prize** & **praise**.*

償

1. COMPENSATE / MAKE UP FOR 2. ATONE FOR

SHOO
tsuguna.

BENSHOO 弁償 compensation / reimbursement [亻 person 154R]
tsuguna.u 償う compensate / repay // atone for [賞 prize 1429KR]
1430 *Person gives a prize to **compensate** & **atone for**.*

掌

1. PALM OF THE HAND 2. ADMINISTER

SHOO

SHOOCHUU 掌中 in one's hand [尚 esteem 1428KR]
SHASHOO 車掌 a conductor (of a train) [手 hand 33KR]
1431 *Esteemed hand uses its **palm** to **administer**.*

常

NORMAL / USUAL [尚 esteem 1428KR]

JOO

SEIJOO na 正常な normal [巾 cloth 120NJY]
HIJOO ni 非常に exceedingly / greatly / extremely

tsune

tsune 常 the ordinary course of things / the usual state
1432 *Esteemed cloth is **normal** & **usual**.*

堂

1. HALL 2. TEMPLE

DOO

SHOKUDOO 食堂 a dining hall [尚 esteem 1428KR]
HONDOO 本堂 the main temple [土 earth 15KR]
1433 *Esteemed earth has a **hall** & a **temple**.*

党

POLITICAL PARTY / FACTION

TOO

TOOHA 党派 a party / faction [尚 esteem 1428KR]
1434 *Esteemed legs of our **political party**.* [儿 legs 302R]

重 ~ 種 。 挿 。 。 。

重

1. HEAVY 2. SERIOUS / IMPORTANT 3. PILE UP 4. -FOLD / -PLY

JUU	JUURYOKU	重力	gravity / gravitation	
	JUUDAI na	重大な	weighty / serious / grave / important	
CHOO	HENCHOO	偏重	overemphasis / overestimation	[車 vehicle 40KR]
	SHINCHOO	慎重	care / caution / prudence	
omo.	omo.i	重い	heavy // serious / important / grave	
kasa.	kasa.naru	重なる	be piled up // be repeated // fall on (a holiday, festival)	
	kasa.neru	重ねる	pile up / heap up // repeat	
-e	mie	三重	three-fold / three-ply (a tissue)	

1435 KR *Double-wheeled vehicle is **heavy** and looks **serious** & **important** because it is **piled up** X-**fold**.* Althought of different origins than 車 , remember 重 as a double-wheeled vehicle, *i.e.* the sort that carries **heavy** loads.

種

1. SEED 2. KIND / TYPE / SPECIES [禾 rice plant 213R]

SHU	SHURUI	種類	a kind / type / species / sort / variety	[重 heavy 1435KR]
	JINSHU	人種	the human race / mankind	
tane	tane	種	a seed // a breed / stock // the source / cause	

1436 *Rice plant heavy with **seed**- that's the **kind**!*

挿

INSERT

SOO	SOONYUU	挿入	insertion	[扌 hand 122R]
sa.	sa.su	挿す	insert / put into	[車 vehicle 40KR]
	sashie	挿し絵	an illustration	

1437 *Hand on vehicle missing two wheels is trying to **insert** them (back onto the axle).* Again, we ignore the origins of 挿 in favour of a good mnemonic.

○ ○ ○ 動 働 ~ 勲 薫

動

MOVE

DOO	DOOBUTSU	動物	an animal	[重 heavy 1435KR]
	JIDOOSHA	自動車	an automobile / a car	[力 power 17KR]
ugo.	ugo.ku	動く	something moves // it runs (a machine)	
	ugo.kasu	動かす	move // operate (a machine)	

1438 KR *Heavy power will **move** it.*

働

WORK

DOO	ROODOO	労働	labour	[亻 person 154R]
hatara.	hatara.ku	働く	work / labour / toil	[動 move 1438KR]
	hatarakite	働き手	a worker	

1439 *Person moves when he **works**.*

勲

MERIT

KUN	KUNSHOO	勲章	a medal / decoration / an order	[動 move 1438KR]
				[灬 fire 402R]

1440 *Move fire to win **merit.***

薫

AROMA / FRAGRANCE

KUN	KUNKOO	薫香	incense / fragrance	[艹 plant 99R]
kao.	kao.ri	薫り	an aroma / fragrance / perfume	[重 heavy 1435KR]
	kao.ru	薫る	be fragrant / smell good	[灬 fire 402R]

1441 *Plants heavy (i.e. piled up) on the fire give off **a fragrant aroma**.* Originally 薫 referred to the aroma of burning plants, and later to **aroma** & **fragrance** in general.

暮 墓 募 慕 。。。

莫

SINKING

1442 E *Sun between two plants is **sinking**.* A depiction of the setting sun seen through vegetation. The bottom element is a variant of plant, even though it may look like 大 in some kanji. [日 sun 57KR] [艹 plant 99R]

暮

1. GROW DARK 2. COME TO AN END 3. LIVE

BO	YABO na	野暮な	rustic / unrefined / boorish	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	SEIBO	歳暮	the end of the year / a year-end gift	[日 sun 57KR]
ku.	ku.reru	暮れる	grow dark // come to an end	
	ku.rasu	暮らす	live	

1443 *Sinking sun **grows dark** as another day of **living comes to an end.***

墓

GRAVE

BO	BOCHI	墓地	a graveyard / cemetary	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	BOSEKI	墓石	a gravestone / tombstone	[土 earth 15KR]
haka	haka	墓	a grave / tomb	

1444 *Sinking earth marks the **grave.***

募

1. RAISE MONEY 2. RECRUIT 3. GROW MORE INTENSE

BO	BOKIN	募金	fund raising	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	BOSHUU suru	募集	recruit // invite // collect / raise	[力 power 17KR]
tsuno.	tsuno.ru	募る	raise (money) // recruit (soldiers, new members) // grow more intense	

1445 *Sinking power- we must **raise money**, **recruit** & **grow more intense.***

慕

1. LOVE DEARLY 2. LONG FOR 3. IDOLIZE [*v.s.* sinking 1442E]

BO	KEIBO suru	敬慕	love & respect / admire // idolize	[心 heart 61KR]
	SHIBO suru	思慕	love dearly // long for / yearn for	
shita.	shita.u	慕う	love dearly // long for / adore / admire // idolize	

1446 *Sinking heart **loves dearly**, **longs for** & **idolizes** (one's beloved).* Note variant of 心

○ ○ ○ 模 ~ 膜 幕 漠

模

1. MODEL 2. COPY 3. IMITATION

MO	MOKEI	模型	a model / pattern / mold	[木 tree 70KR]
	MOSHA	摸写	a copy / reproduction / facsimile	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	MOGI no	模擬の	imitation / sham / mock / mimic	
BO	KIBO	規模	the scale (scope) of	

1447 *Tree that is sinking is not a good **model** to **copy** or **imitate.*** This is the kanji to use when building a MOKEI HIKOOKI 模型飛行機 .

膜

MEMBRANE

MAKU	KOMAKU	鼓膜	the eardrum	[月 body part 144R]
	KAKUMAKU	角膜	the cornea	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]

1448 *Body part that is sinking is a **membrane.***

幕

1. CURTAIN 2. ACT 3. SHOGUNATE

MAKU	MAKU	幕	a curtain // an act (of a play) // the end	
	KAIMAKU	開幕	the rising of the curtain	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	uchiMAKU	内幕	behind-the-scenes story / the inside story	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
BAKU	BAKUFU	幕府	Shogunate / Japan's feudal government	

1449 *Sinking cloth is the **curtain** for **Act** 1 of the **Shogunate.***

漠

1. VAGUE 2. VAST 3. DESERT

BAKU	BAKUZEN	漠然	vague	[氵 water 101R]
	KOOBAKU	広漠	vast / boundless / extensive	[*v.s.* sinking 1442E]
	SABAKU	砂漠	a desert	

1450 *Water sinks in that **vague, vast desert**.*

毎 ~ 梅 ~ 海 悔 . . .

毎

EVERY

MAI	MAINICHI	毎日	every day / daily	[⺊ horiz person 805]
	MAISHUU	毎週	every week / weekly	[母 mother 97]
	MAIDO	毎度	every time / often / frequently	

1451 KR ***Every*** *person has a mother.* This seems to be the universal mnemonic for 毎 . Note the variant of 母, seen also in 貫 245KR and 慣 246.

梅

PLUM / APRICOT

BAI	BAIRIN	梅林	a plum grove	
	BAIU	梅雨	the rainy season	[木 tree 70KR]
	TSUYU*	梅雨	the rainy season	[毎 every 1451KR]
ume	ume	梅	Japanese plum / apricot	

1452 *Tree that is every(where) is a* ***plum****.*

海

SEA / OCEAN

KAI	KAIJOO	海上	marine / maritime	[氵 water 101R]
	KAIGUN	海軍	the navy	[毎 every 1451KR]
umi	umi	海	the sea / ocean	

1453 *Water every(where)- it's the* ***sea****.*

悔

1. REGRET 2. REPENT 3. MOURN / OFFER CONDOLENCES

KAI	KOOKAI	後悔	regret / repentance / remorse	
ku.	ku.iru	悔いる	regret having done / repent	[忄 feelings 133R]
	ku.yamu	悔やむ	mourn / offer condolences // regret // repent	[毎 every 1451KR]
kuya.	kuya.shii	悔しい	vexing / vexatious	

1454 *Feelings every(one) has:* ***regret****, then* ***repent****,* ***mourn*** *&* ***offer condolences.***

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侮

BU
anado.

DESPISE

BUJOKU	侮辱	an insult / affront / contempt	[亻 person 154R]
anado.ru	侮る	despise / look down on	[毎 every 1451KR]

1455 *Person every(one)* ***despises.***

敏

BIN

AGILE / ALERT / QUICK

BINSOKU na	敏速な	quick / nimble / prompt	[毎 every 1451KR]
BINKAN na	敏感な	sensitive / susceptible	[攵 strike 200R]
BINWAN na	敏腕な	able / capable / competent	

1456 KR *Every strike makes you* ***agile, alert*** *&* ***quick.***

繁

HAN

PROSPERITY / FULLNESS

HAN'EI	繁栄	prosperity	[敏 agile 1456KR]
HANJOO suru	繁盛	prosper / thrive / flourish	[糸 thread 78KR]

1457 *Agile threads for* ***prosperity*** *&* ***fullness.***

毒

DOKU

1. POISON 2. HARM / BAD EFFECTS

DOKUYAKU	毒薬	poison	[圭 growing plant 389E]
CHUUDOKU	中毒	poisoning	[母 mother 97KR]
YUUDOKU na	有毒な	poisonous	

1458 *Growing plant is the mother of all* ***poisons*** *&* ***harm.*** The compound 中毒 is used both literally, as in 食中毒 (food poisoning) and figuatively as in 漢字中毒 which might be translated by long-suffering students as kanji toxicosis or kanji-itis.

慮 虜 ~ 虚 ~ 戯 。。。

虍

TIGER

1459 E *From a pictograph of a **tiger** with conspicuous fangs.* The modern version bears little resemblance to the graphic original.

慮

RYO

CONSIDERATION [*v.s.* tiger 1459E]

ENRYO	遠慮	reserve / modesty / restraint / hesitation	[思 think 1595KR]
KOORYO	考慮	consideration / careful thought / reflection	

1460 *Tigers think but not with a lot of **consideration**.*

虜

RYO

CAPTIVE

HORYO	捕虜	a prisoner of war / POW / a captive	[*v.s.* tiger 1459E] [男 man 1596KR]

1461 *Tigers and men can be **captives**.*

虚

KYO
KO

EMPTY

KYOMU	虚無	nothingness	[*v.s.* tiger 1459E]
KOKUU	虚空	empty space / the air / sky	[虍 hollow 484E]

1462 KR *Tiger in the hollow is **empty**.*

戯

GI
tawamu.

1. PLAY / FROLIC 2. JOKE 3. FLIRT

GIGA	戯画	a caricature	
YUUGI	遊戯	a game / amusement / play	[虚 empty 1462KR]
tawamu.reru	戯れる	play / frolic // joke / jest // flirt	[戈 lance 419R]

1463 *Empty lance is for **play, frolic, jokes** & **flirting**.*

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膚

FU

SKIN

HIFU	皮膚	the skin (Recall 857)	[*v.s.* tiger 1459E]
HIFUBYOO	皮膚病	a skin disease	[胃 stomach 1598KR]
HIFUKA	皮膚科	dermatology	

1464 *Tiger's stomach is covered with* ***skin.***

1465 Kanji deleted (虞 is no longer a 常用漢字, its usage having been taken over by 恐 1871).

劇

GEKI

1. DRAMA / PLAY 2. INTENSE

GEKI	劇	a drama / play	[*v.s.* tiger 1459E]
GEKIJOO	劇場	theatre / playhouse	[豕 pig 867NJY]
GEKIYAKU	劇薬	a powerful drug	[刂 knife 163R]

1466 *Tiger, pig and knife in a* ***drama*** *that is* ***intense.***

虐

GYAKU

shiita.

OPPRESS / TYRANNIZE / TREAT CRUELLY

GYAKUTAI suru	虐待	treat cruelly / maltreat	[*v.s.* tiger 1459E]
GYAKUSATSU	虐殺	a massacre / slaughter / genocide	[匚 claws]
shiita.geru	虐げる	oppress / tyrannize / treat cruelly	

1467 *Tiger with claws* ***oppresses, tyrannizes*** *&* ***treats his victims cruelly.***

V. Structure Groups- Level 1

Kanji in Group V have common structural elements but no common ON reading. It is a matter of opinion whether Group V kanji are more (or less) difficult to learn than those in preceeding groups. *Kanji Mnemonics* provides systematic organization and efficient mnemotechniques for these kanji, but in the end you just have to learn them.

林　森　迷　来

林

WOODS / FOREST

RIN	RINGAKU	林学	forestry	[木 tree 70KR]
	MITSURIN	密林	a jungle	
	SANRIN	山林	a forest / a mountain forest	
hayashi	hayashi	林	a wood / forest / grove	
	Kobayashi	小林	Kobayashi (common Japanese surname)	

1468 KR *Two trees make a **woods.***

森

FOREST / WOODS [木 tree 70KR]

SHIN	SHINRIN	森林	a forest / woods
mori	mori	森	a forest / woods // common Japanese surname

1469 *Three trees make a **forest.***

迷

1. GET LOST　2. BE PERPLEXED

MEI	MEIRO	迷路	a maze / labyrinth	[辶 movement 178R]
	MEISHIN	迷信	superstition	[米 rice 72KR]
mayo.	mayo.u	迷う	get lost // be perplexed (puzzled)	
	maigo*	迷子	a lost child	

1470 *Movement of rice is like **getting lost**- it's **perplexing.***

来

1. COME　2. NEXT　3. BRING ABOUT

RAI	RAIGETSU	来月	next month	
	RAINEN	来年	next year	[米 rice 72KR]
ku.	ku.ru	来る	come	[未 not yet 842KR]
ki.	ki.taru	来たる	next	
	ki.tasu	来たす	bring about / cause	
	deki.ru*	出来る	can / be able / be possible // be done (finished, ready, complete)	

1471 *Rice has not yet **come** but it will be **next** & **bring about** (the harvest).* Nowadays 出来る is usually written できる.

入 込。和 如。囚 困

入

1. ENTER 2. PUT IN

NYUU	NYUUIN suru	入院	enter a hospital / be hospitalized	[人 person 94KR]
hai.	hai.ru	入る	enter / go in	
i.	i.reru	入れる	put in / let in	

1472 KR *Stooping person **enters** after **puting in** (the door key).* Note variant of 人 .

込

1. BE CROWDED 2. VERB SUFFIX MEANING IN / INTO

ko.	ko.mu	込む	be crowded / packed full	[辶 movement 178R]
	uchikomu	打ち込む	drive (pound) in // fire (shoot) into	

1473 *Movement to enter a **crowded** (bus).* A 'made in Japan' kanji. There are many dozens of verbs with 込む as suffix.

和

1. PEACE 2. HARMONY 3. JAPAN 4. SOFTEN / CALM DOWN

WA	WA	和	peace // harmony	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	WASHOKU	和食	Japanese food	[口 mouth 85KR]
nago.	nago.mu	和む	be softened // become lukewarm	
	nago.yaka na	和やかな	mild / gentle / congenial	
yawa.	yawa.ragu	和らぐ	something softens / calms down / abates / lessens	
	yawa.rageru	和らげる	soften / tone down / lessen / lighten / soothe / pacify / calm	
	Yamato*	大和	old Japan	

1474 *Rice (plant) in mouth brings **peace** & **harmony** in **Japan** & **calms things down.***

如

SIMILAR / EQUAL / AS IF

JO	YAKUJO	躍如	vivid / lifelike / graphic	[女 woman 96KR]
	TOTSUJO	突如	suddenly / unexpectedly	[口 mouth 85KR]
NYO	NYOJITSU	如実	true to life / realistic	

1475 *Woman's mouths are **similar**.* Recall the ON readings of 女 .

囚

PRISONER

SHUU	SHUUJIN	囚人	a prisoner	[口 enclosure 567R]

1476 *Enclosed person is a **prisoner**.* [人 person 94KR]

困

BE IN DIFFICULTY / BE DISTRESSED [木 tree 70KR]

KON	KONNAN	困難	difficulty / hardship / distress / trouble
koma.	koma.ru	困る	be puzzled (troubled, distressed, in a fix, at a loss)

1477 *Enclosed tree is **in difficulty** & **is distressed.***

太 駄。冬 終。乙 乾

太

1. FAT 2. BIG 3. THICK

TAI	TAIHEIYOO	太平洋	the Pacific Ocean (recall 1194)	[大 big 1KR]
	TAIYOO	太陽	the sun	[丶 emphatically 138E]
futo.	futo.i	太い	big // thick // deep / sonorous (voice)	
	futo.ru	太る	grow fat / put on weight	

1478 KR *Big and emphatically **fat, big** & **thick.***

駄

1. PACK HORSE 2. OF POOR QUALITY 3. FOOT WEAR

DA	DABA	駄馬	a pack horse / hack	[馬 horse 92KR]
	DASAKU	駄作	a poor piece of writing / trash / rubbish	[太 fat 1478KR]
	GETA*	下駄	'geta' / Japanese wooden clogs	

1479 *Horse is fat- it's a **pack horse** of **poor quality** suitable only for **footwear.***

冬

WINTER

TOO	TOOKI	冬期	the winter season	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
fuyu	fuyu	冬	winter	[冫 ice 214R]

1480 KR *Upturned foot on ice- it's **winter.***

終

COME TO AN END

SHUU	SHUUTEN	終点	end of the line / last stop / the terminal	
o.	o.waru	終わる	come to an end / end / be over	[糸 thread 78KR]
	o.eru	終える	bring to an end / finish / complete	[冬 winter 1480KR]

1481 *Thread in winter **comes to an end.***

乙

1. NO. 2 IN A SERIES / B 2. STYLISH

OTSU	OTSU	乙	2nd / B // the latter
	OTSU na	乙な	stylish / chic / fine // odd

1482 *Hook is **No.2** and gets a **B** for being **stylish.***

乾

DRY

KAN	KANSOOKI	乾燥機	a clothes drier	[艹 plant 99R]
	KANPAI	乾杯	Bottoms Up! Cheers!	[亠 horiz person 805]
kawa.	kawa.ku	乾く	something dries up // feel thirsty	[乙 No.2 1482]
	kawa.kasu	乾かす	dry / air (clothes)	

1483 *Sun is between plants as horizontal person No.2 gets **dry.***

北　背。式　試

北

NORTH

HOKU	HOKUBEI	北米	North America	[匕 seated pers 121R]
	HOKKAIDOO	北海道	Hokkaido	
kita	kita	北	north	

1484 KR *Two seated persons back-to-back in the **north.***

背

1. BACK　2. HEIGHT　3. DEFY / DISOBEY　4. TURN AWAY

HAI	HAIKEI	背景	a background / setting / scenery // backing / support	
	HAISHIN	背信	breach of faith / betrayal / infidelity	[北 north 1484KR]
se	se	背	the back // height	[月 body part 144R]
	senaka	背中	the back	
	sebiro	背広	a business suit	
sei	sei	背	height / stature	
somu.	somu.ku	背く	defy / disobey // rebel / revolt	
	somu.keru	背ける	turn away from / avert (one's face, eyes)	

1485 *North body part is the **back**. It's **height defies** you to **turn away.***

式

1. CEREMONY　2. METHOD　3.STYLE　4. FORM　5. FORMULA

SHIKI	SHIKI	式	a ceremony // a method / system // style / pattern / type // a formula / expression (in math)	
	KEKKONSHIKI	結婚式	a marriage ceremony	
	Tanaka SHIKI	田中式	Tanaka's method (system, way) of doing things	
	NIHONSHIKI	日本式	Japanese style	
	SEISHIKI no	正式の	formal / regular / proper	[工 artisan 201KR]
	KOOSHIKI	公式	a formula (math) // formal / official	[弋 dot curv sword]

1486 KR *Artisan makes a dotted curved sword for the **ceremony-** his **method** has **style**, **form** and is done to a **formula.***

試

GIVE IT A TRY

SHI	SHISHOKU suru	試食	try (sample, taste) (food)	[言 word 35KR]
kokoro.	kokoro.miru	試みる	give it a try / try out / attempt to	[式 ceremony 1486KR]
tame.	tame.su	試す	give it a try / test / experiment with	

1487 *Words at ceremony: **give it a try.***

音 暗。与 写。斥 訴

音

SOUND

ON	ONGAKU	音楽	music	
IN	BOIN	母音	a vowel	[立 stand up 25KR]
	SHIIN	子音	a consonant	[日 sun 57KR]
oto	oto	音	a sound // note / tone	
ne	ne	音	a sound // note / tone	

1488 KR *Stand up in the sun and make a **sound.***

暗

DARK

AN	ANKOKU	暗黒	darkness / gloom	[日 sun 57KR]
	ANKI suru	暗記	learn by heart / memorize	[音 sound 1488KR]
kura.	kura.i	暗い	dark / dim / gloomy // be ignorant of	

1489 *Sun's sound dispels the **dark**.*

与

GIVE / GRANT [5 five]

YO	KYUUYO	給与	salary / wages	[一 one 37KR]
ata.	ata.eru	与える	give / grant / award / supply	

1490 KR *Five ones to **give.*** The artful mnemonicist will see a 5 in this structure.

写

1. COPY / DUPLICATE 2. PROJECT 3. PHOTOGRAPH

SHA	FUKUSHAKI	複写機	a copier	
	EISHAKI	映写機	a projector	[冖 cover 247R]
	SHASHIN	写真	a photograph	[与 give 1490KR]
utsu.	utsu.ru	写る	be projected / be photographed	
	utsu.su	写す	copy / duplicate // depict // photograph	

1491 *Cover: give it to me to **copy, project** & **photograph.*** Recall 793.

斥

REJECT / REPEL

SEKI	HAISEKI suru	排斥	reject / exclude / boycott	[斤 ax 76KR]

1492 KR *Ax emphatically **rejects** & **repels**.* [ノ emphatically 138E]

訴

1.SUE 2. COMPLAIN 3. APPEAL TO

SO	KISO	起訴	prosecution / indictment	[言 word 35KR]
utta.	utta.eru	訴える	sue / accuse // complain // appeal to	[斥 reject 1492KR]

1493 *Words rejected when you **sue, complain** or **appeal to**.*

存在。以似。卓悼

存

SON
ZON

1. EXIST 2. THINK 3. KNOW [才 talent 905KR]

SONZAI	存在	existence	[子 child 95KR]
ZONjiru	存じる	think // know	

1494 *Talented child **exists** but **thinks** he **knows** it all.* Note variant of 才 .

在

ZAI
a.

1. BE LOCATED / RESIDE IN 2. COUNTRYSIDE 3. BE / EXIST

ZAINICHI	在日	(stationed) in Japan	[才 talent 905KR]
KINZAI	近在	neighbouring villages / suburbs	[土 earth 15KR]
a.ru	在る	be / exist / be located in	

1495 *Talented earth **is located in** the **countryside** where I **am**.*

以

I

STARTING POINT / REFERENCE POINT (PREFIX)

IJOO	以上	or more / more than // above-mentioned	[㠯 plough]
IKA	以下	or less / less than // as follows	[人 person 94KR]

1496 KR *Plough with a person who is at the **starting point**.*

似

JI
ni.

RESEMBLE

RUIJI	類似	resemblance / similarity / likeness	
ni.ru	似る	resemble / look like / be similar to	[亻 person 154R]
ni.au	似合う	go well with / suit / fit / match	[以 start point 1496KR]

1497 *Person at the starting point **resembles** (all the others).*

卓

TAKU

1. TABLE / DESK 2. HIGH

TAKUJOO	卓上	table-top / desk-top (calculator)	[卜 divine 653NJY]
TAKKYUU	卓球	table tennis	[早 early 102KR]
TAKUETSU suru	卓越	excel / surpass / be superior	

1498 KR *Divine early on a **table** that is **high**.*

悼

TOO
ita.

GRIEVE / MOURN

TSUITOO suru	追悼	grieve / mourn (for the dead)	[忄 feelings 133R]
ita.mu	悼む	mourn over a person's death	[卓 table 1498KR]

1499 *Feelings are on the table as one **grieves** & **mourns.***

初 辺 。 芋 宇 。 即 節

初

BEGINNING / FOR THE FIRST TIME

SHO	SAISHO	最初	the beginning	
haji.	haji.me	初め	the beginning	[衤 clothing 358R]
	haji.mete	初めて	for the first time	[刀 sword 7KR]
hatsu-	hatsukoi	初恋	one's first love	
ui-	uizan	初産	one's first childbirth	
-so.	miso.meru	見初める	fall in love at first sight	

1500 *Clothing and a sword in the **beginning** & **for the first time.***

辺

NEIGHBOURHOOD / VICINITY

HEN	HEN	辺	neighbourhood / vicinity	[辶 movement 178R]
ata.	ata.ri	辺り	the neighbourhood	[刀 sword 7KR]
-be	umibe	海辺	the beach / seashore	

1501 *Movement of swords in the **neighbourhood** & **vicinity.***

芋

POTATO / YAM / TARO

imo	imo	芋	a potato	[艹 plant 99R]
	yaki imo	焼き芋	a baked sweet potato	[干 dry 1075KR]

1502 *Plant that is dry is a **potato, yam** (長芋) or **taro** (里芋).*

宇

HEAVEN [宀 house 107R]

U	UCHUU	宇宙	outer space / the cosmos / universe	[干 dry 1075KR]

1503 *House is dry- thank **heaven**!*

即

IMMEDIATELY [艮 not good 423]

SOKU	SOKUJI	即時	immediately / at once / instantly	[卩 bowing pers 706E]
	SOKKIN	即金	cash	

1504 KR *Not good that bowing person is **immediately** (beheaded).*

節

1. SECTION / PARAGRAPH / VERSE 2. JOINT 3. SEASON

SETSU	SETSU	節	section / paragraph / verse / stanza / clause // on that occasion	[⺮ bamboo 71KR] [即 immed 1504KR]
	JISETSU	時節	season // the times // occasion	
fushi	fushi	節	a joint / knuckle // knot / knob // a tune / melody	

1505 *Bamboo immediately in **sections** with **joints** just like the **seasons** or a **melody.***

信 罰。拓 岩。伏 状

信

SHIN

1. TRUST 2. BELIEF

SHIN'YOO	信用	trust	[亻 person 154R]
SHINjiru	信じる	believe // believe in	[言 word 35KR]
MEISHIN	迷信	superstition	

1506 KR *Person's word can be **trusted**- that's my **belief.***

罰

BATSU
BACHI

PUNISHMENT

BATSU	罰	punishment / a penalty	[罒 simple net 1047E]
BAKKIN	罰金	a fine	[言 word 35KR]
BACHI	罰	divine punishment // a curse / retribution	[刂 knife 163R]

1507 *Net with words then knife for **punishment**.*

拓

TAKU

OPEN UP / CLEAR (LAND)

KAITAKU suru	開拓	open up / clear land / develop / colonize	[扌 hand 122R]
KAITAKUSHA	開拓者	a pioneer / settler	[石 stone 30KR]

1508 *Hand picks up stones to **open up** and **clear land**.*

岩

GAN
iwa

ROCK

GANSEKI	岩石	a rock	[山 mountain 20KR]
iwa	岩	a rock	[石 stone 30KR]

1509 *Mountain stones are **rocks.***

伏

FUKU
fu.

1. LIE DOWN / CROUCH 2. TURN OVER 3. LOWER 4. COVER / CONCEAL

FUKUHEI	伏兵	an ambush	[亻 person 154R]
fu.su	伏す	lie down / lie prostrate	[犬 dog 89KR]
fu.seru	伏せる	turn something over // lower (one's eyes)	
		put one thing over another / cover / conceal / keep secret	

1510 *Person and dog **lie down, turn something over, lower** & **conceal** themselves.*

状

JOO

1. CONDITION / CIRCUMSTANCES 2. FORM / APPEARANCE 3. LETTER

JOOTAI	状態	condition / circumstances / situation	[爿 bed 329E]
KYUUJOO no	弓状の	bow-shaped / arched	[犬 dog 89KR]
REIJOO	礼状	a letter of thanks	

1511 *Bed of dog is in good **condition** & **form** according to the **letter**.*

査 宜。串 患。許 陶

査

SA

INVESTIGATE

CHOOSA	調査	an investigation / inquiry / examination	[木 tree 70KR]
KENSA	検査	an inspection / examination / audit	[且 piled up 29]

1512 *Tree piled up- let's **investigate.***

宜

GI

GOOD / ALL RIGHT

BENGI	便宜	convenience // facilities	[宀 house 107R]
TEKIGI no	適宜の	suitable / fit / proper	[且 piled up 29]

1513 *House piled up- that's **good!***

串

kushi

SKEWER / SPIT

kushi	串	skewer / spit
kushiyaki	串焼き	broiled food on a skewer

1514 NJY *Pictograph of two items of food on a **skewer** or **spit**.*

患

KAN
wazura.

BE ILL / SUFFER FROM

KANJA	患者	a patient	[串 skewer 1514NJY]
wazura.u	患う	be ill / suffer from	[心 heart 61KR]

1515 *Skewered heart is **ill.***

許

KYO
yuru.

PERMIT / ALLOW

KYOKA	許可	permission / approval / authorization	[言 word 35KR]
yuru.su	許す	allow / permit // pardon / forgive / exempt // set free // trust / confide in	[午 noon 13KR]

1516 *Words at noon are **permitted.***

陶

TOO

CERAMICS / POTTERY [阝 hill 185R]

TOOGEI	陶芸	ceramic art	[勹 wrap 192R]
TOOKI	陶器	ceramics / pottery / china	[缶 can 14KR]

1517 *Hill and wrapped up can is where they do **ceramics** & **pottery**.* The element 缶 here is a kiln.

本 体 鉢 。朴 枚 杉

本

1. ORIGIN 2. BOOK 3. MAIN 4. THIS / OUR 5. COUNTER FOR LONG OBJECTS

HON	NIHON**	日本	Japan (lit., sun's origin) **also can be read as NIPPON	
	HON	本	a book	
	HONBU	本部	the main office / headquarters	[木 tree 70KR]
	HONKOO	本校	this school / our school	
	HONTOO	本当	true / real	
	SANBON	三本	three (pencils, bottles, cylinders)	
moto	moto	本	the origin	

1518 KR *Tree with roots is **our main origin** for **books. Count** (the logs).*

体

1. BODY / OBJECT / THING 2. FORM / STYLE 3. APPEARANCE

TAI	SHINTAI	身体	the body	
	TAIKEN	体験	(personal) experience	[亻 person 154R]
	TAISEI	体制	an organization / a system	[本 origin 1518KR]
TEI	FUUTEI	風体	appearance / look / dress	
karada	karada	体	the body / physique / constitution	

1519 *Person's origin is his **body.***

鉢

1. BOWL / POT 2. CROWN OF THE HEAD

HACHI	HIBACHI	火鉢	a hibachi / charcoal brazier	[金 metal 10KR]
	HACHIMAKI	鉢巻き	a headband	[本 origin 1518KR]

1520 *Metal's origin is a **bowl** or **pot** that resembles the **crown of the head**.*

朴

SIMPLE

BOKU	SOBOKU na	素朴な	simple / artless / naive	[木 tree 70KR]

1521 *Tree can divine the **simple**.* [卜 divine 653NJY]

枚

COUNTER FOR THIN FLAT OBJECTS

MAI	GOMAI	五枚	five (sheets of paper, tickets)	[木 tree 70KR]

1522 *Tree struck to **count thin flat objects.*** [攵 strike 200R]

杉

(JAPANESE) CEDAR [木 tree 70KR]

sugi	sugi	杉	a Japanese cedar / cryptomeria	[彡 hair 342CO]

1523 *Tree with hair is a **Japanese cedar**.* The Cryptomeria have hair-like leaves.

位 泣 粒 。 平 評 坪

位

POSITION / RANK

I	ICHI	位置	a position / situation / location / site	[亻 person 154R]
	CHII	地位	position / rank / status	[立 stand up 25KR]
kurai	kurai	位	rank	

1524 *Person stands up according to his **position** & **rank**.*

泣

CRY / WEEP

KYUU	KANKYUU suru	感泣	be moved to tears	[氵 water 101R]
na.	na.ku	泣く	cry / weep	[立 stand up 25KR]
	nakimushi	泣き虫	a crybaby	

1525 *Water stands up when you **cry** & **weep**.*

粒

GRAIN / PARTICLE

RYUU	RYUUJOO no	粒状の	granular (sugar)	[米 rice 72KR]
	RYUUSHI	粒子	a particle (atomic) / grain (in film)	[立 stand up 25KR]
tsubu	tsubu	粒	a grain (of rice) / particle	

1526 *Rice stands up as a **grain** or **particle**.*

平

1. FLAT / LEVEL 2. CALM 3. COMMON

HEI	HEIWA	平和	peace
	HEIBON na	平凡な	common / ordinary / mediocre
hira	hira no	平の	common / ordinary
tai.	tai.ra	平ら	flat / level / even // simple / plain

1527 KR *Scales must be used where it is **flat, level** & **calm**- that's **common.***

評

1. CRITICISM / COMMENT 2. RUMOUR [言 word 35KR]

HYOO	HYOORON	評論	criticism / comment	[平 flat 1527KR]
	HYOOBAN	評判	fame / notoriety // a rumour / gossip	

1528 *Words should be flat when offering **criticism** & **comment** or spreading a **rumour**.*

坪

A 'TSUBO'

tsubo	tsubo	坪	a 'tsubo' (a unit of area, approx. 3.3 sq. metres)	
	tsuboSUU	坪数	the area (of a lot) / acreage (of a field) / floor space (of an apartment)	[土 earth 15KR]

1529 *Earth is flat and measures one **tsubo.*** [平 flat 1527KR]

仏 払 私 。 甲 押 岬

仏

1. BUDDHA 2. ABBREVIATION FOR FRANCE

BUTSU	BUTSUDAN	仏壇	a household Buddhist altar	
	BUKKYOO	仏教	Buddhism	[亻 person 154R]
FUTSU	Nichi-Futsu	日仏	Japanese-French	[厶 nose 502E]
hotoke	hotoke	仏	Buddha	

1530 *Person with a nose is a **Buddha** from **France**.*

払

1. PAY 2. SWEEP AWAY

FUTSU	FUTTEI	払底	scarcity / shortage / dearth	[扌 hand 122R]
hara.	hara.u	払う	pay // sweep away / brush off / dust	[厶 nose 502E]

1531 *Hand to nose- **pay** to **sweep it away.***

私

1. PRIVATE / PERSONAL 2. I / MYSELF [禾 rice plant 213R]

SHI	SHIJI	私事	private (personal) affairs / a private matter
wata(ku)shi	wata(ku)shi	私	I / myself

1532 *Rice plant is by my nose- it's **private, personal** and **I myself** (put it there).*

甲

1. SHELL / CARAPACE 2. ARMOUR 3. No. 1 / A 4. HIGH-PITCHED

KOO	KOO	甲	shell (turtle) // the instep // the back of the hand // No. 1 / A
	KOOTETSU	甲鉄	armour / armour plating
KAN	KANDAKAI	甲高い	high-pitched / shrill (voice)

1533 KR *From a pictograph of a seedling splitting its shell and now meaning **shell** or **carapace**.* **Armour** is an associated meaning while **No.1 / A** & **high-pitched** are both borrowed.

押

PUSH

OO	OOSHUU	押収	confiscation / seizure	[扌 hand 122R]
o.	o.su	押す	push / press (a buton)	[甲 shell 1533KR]
	o.saeru	押さえる	hold down / suppress / restrain	

1534 *Hand like a seedling splitting its shell **pushes**.*

岬

PROMONTORY / CAPE

misaki	misaki	岬	a promontory / cape	[山 mountain 20KR]
	SOOYA misaki	宗谷岬	Cape Soya (northern tip of Hokkaido)	[甲 shell 1533KR]

1535 *Mountain like a shell is a **promontory** or **cape.***

炎 談 淡 。伝 転 芸

炎

1. FLAME 2. INFLAMMATION 3. SUFFIX MEANING "-ITIS"

EN
ENJOO suru 炎上 go up in flames
ENSHOO 炎症 inflammation [火 fire 18KR]
KAN' EN 肝炎 hepatitis

honoo
honoo 炎 a flame

1536 KR *Two fires in **flames.***

談

CONVERSATION [言 word 35KR]

DAN
KAIDAN 会談 a conversation // an interview [炎 flame 1536KR]

1537 *Words like flames in that **conversation.***

淡

LIGHT / PALE / FAINT

TAN
TANPAKU na 淡白な light / plain / simple // frank / candid [氵 water 101R]

awa.
awa.i 淡い light / pale / faint [炎 flame 1536KR]

1538 *Water on flames makes them **light, pale** & **faint.***

伝

1. CONVEY / TRANSMIT 2. HAND DOWN / BEQUEATH

DEN
DENSETSU 伝説 legend / folklore
DENSENBYOO 伝染病 a contagious disease / epidemic

tsuta.
tsuta.waru 伝わる be handed down (transmitted, imparted) [亻 person 154R]
tsuta.eru 伝える convey / transmit (a message) / report / tell // hand down / bequeath / transmit [云 mist 114E]
tsuta.u 伝う go along / walk along (a river)

1539 *Person in the mist **conveys, transmits** & **hands down.***

転

1. ROLL 2. FALL DOWN / TUMBLE [車 vehicle 40KR]

TEN
JITENSHA 自転車 a bicycle [云 mist 114E]

koro.
koro.bu 転ぶ fall down / tumble
koro.garu(.geru) 転がる(げる) roll / roll over // fall down / tumble
koro.gasu 転がす knock someone down // trip

1540 *Vehicle in the mist **rolls over** & **falls down** (the mountain side).*

芸

ART

GEI
GEIJUTSU 芸術 art / fine arts [艹 plant 99R]
GEISHA 芸者 a geisha (lit. art person) [云 mist 114E]

1541 *Plant in the mist is **art.***

所 炉 声 。不 否 杯

所

PLACE [戸 door 41KR]

SHO	baSHO	場所	a place / spot / location	[斤 ax 76KR]
tokoro	tokoro	所	a place // feature // thing // moment*	

1542 *Door axed- what a **place**!* * 所 is a versatile word with many usages.

炉

FURNACE

RO	RO	炉	a furnace / fireplace / hearth	[火 fire 18KR]
	DANRO	暖炉	a fireplace / hearth / stove	[戸 door 41KR]
	GENSHIRO	原子炉	a nuclear reactor	

1543 *Fire door on the **furance**.*

声

VOICE

SEI	SEIMEI	声明	a declaration / announcement	[士 samurai 159KR]
koe	koe	声	a voice	[尸 v 戸 door 41KR]
kowa-	kowairo	声色	a feigned (assumed, imitated) voice	

1544 *Samurai at the door- it's his **voice**.*

不

NOT / UN- / IN- / DIS-

FU	FUKA	不可	wrong / bad / improper // F (grade)
	FUMEI na	不明な	unclear // unknown // dubious / doubtful
	FUSOKU	不足	insufficiency / shortage
BU	BUSHOO na	不精な	lazy / idle / indolent / untidy

1545 KR *Four strokes for **not.*** University students in Japan receive grades of 優, 良, 可 or 不可 equivalent to A, B, C or Failure.

否

NO / NAY

HI	HIKETSU suru	否決	reject / decide against / vote down	[不 not 1545KR]
ina	ina	否	no / nay	[口 mouth 85KR]

1546 *Not mouth says **no** & **nay.***

杯

1. CUP 2. COUNTER FOR CUPFULLS

HAI	IPPAI	一杯	a cup (glass, drink) of // full / all	[木 tree 70KR]
	KANPAI	乾杯	Bottoms up! / Cheers! / a toast	[不 not 1545KR]
sakazuki	sakazuki	杯	a small cup for sake	

1547 *Tree not a **cup** or even **one cupful**.*

陣 連 庫 。 玉 宝 国

陣

JIN

1. BATTLE FORMATION / CAMP 2. SUDDEN [阝 hill 185R]

JIN'YOO	陣容	a battle formation	[車 vehicle 40KR]
JINTSUU	陣痛	labour (pains)	

1548 *Hill with vehicles in **battle formation**- their **camp** was **sudden**.*

連

REN
tsu.
tsura.

1. GROUP 2. TAKE SOMEONE ALONG 3. STAND IN A ROW

KOKUREN	国連	the United Nations (short for 国際連合)	
tsu.reru	連れる	take someone along	[辶 movement 178R]
tsura.naru	連なる	stand in a row / be linked / connected	[車 vehicle 40KR]
tsura.neru	連ねる	put things in a row / link	

1549 *Movement of vehicles- they're in a **group** and **stand in a row** to **take me along.***

庫

KO

STOREHOUSE [广 building 186R]

SHAKO	車庫	a garage	[車 vehicle 40KR]

1550 *Building with a vehicle inside is a **storehouse.***

玉

GYOKU
tama

1. GEM / JEWEL / JADE 2. A SPHERE / BALL [王 king 64KR]

GYOKUZA	玉座	the Imperial throne	[丶 dot]
tama	玉	a sphere / ball / globe // gem / jewel	
medama	目玉	an eyeball	

1551 KR *King is dotty about his **gems & spheres**.* From a pictograph of a string of beads, likely jade disks, and distinguished from 王 by a dot.

宝

HOO
takara

TREASURE

HOOSEKI	宝石	a precious stone / gem / jewel	[宀 house 107R]
takara	宝	a treasure / precious article	[玉 gem 1551KR]

1552 *House with gems has a **treasure**.*

国

KOKU
kuni

1. COUNTRY / NATION 2. ONE'S NATIVE COUNTRY / JAPAN

CHUUGOKU	中国	China	
KOKUMIN	国民	a nation	[口 enclosure 567R]
KOKUGO	国語	the national language / Japanese	[玉 gem 1551KR]
kuni	国	a country / nation / land	

1553 *Enclosed gem of a **country**.*

幼 幻 幽 。村 討 団

幼

INFANCY [幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]

YOO	YOOJI	幼児	a baby / infant / child	[力 power 17KR]
osana.	osana.i	幼い	young / juvenile // childish / infantile	

1554 *Short thread and (tiny) power of **infancy**.* The 'short thread' element here conveys tiny or limited and refers to the tiny power of **infancy.**

幻

1. ILLUSION / PHANTOM

GEN	GENKAKU	幻覚	a hallucination	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]
	GENSOO	幻想	an illusion / fantasy / vision	[冂 hook]
maboroshi	maboroshi	幻	an illusion / phantom / vision	

1555 *Short thread and hook are an **illusion**.*

幽

QUIET / DEEP

YUU	YUUKOKU	幽谷	a deep ravine / narrow valley	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]
	YUUREI	幽霊	a ghost	[山 mountain 20KR]

1556 *Short threads fill the mountain where it is **quiet** & **deep.***

村

VILLAGE

SON	SONMIN	村民	a villager	[木 tree 70KR]
	GYOSON	漁村	a fishing village	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	NOOSON	農村	a farm village	
mura	mura	村	a village	

1557 *Trees (are tended) with a skilful hand in the **village.***

討

ATTACK

TOO	TOOGI	討議	a debate / discussion	[言 word 35KR]
	TOORON	討論	a debate / discussion	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
u.	u.tsu	討つ	attack	

1558 *Words and a skilful hand used to **attack**.*

団

GROUP

DAN	DANTAI	団体	a group	[口 enclosure 567R]
	DANCHI	団地	a public housing complex	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
TON	FUTON	布団	a 'futon' / bedding	

1559 *Enclosure of a skilful hand to symbolize a **group**.*

仙 峠 拙 尿 届 尼 泥

仙

SEN

HERMIT / WIZARD

SENNIN	仙人	a hermit / wizard	[亻 person 154R]
SENDAI	仙台	Sendai (city in N. Honshu)	[山 mountain 20KR]

1560 *Person in the mountain is a **hermit** & **wizard.***

峠

tooge

1. MOUNTAIN PASS 2. CRISIS / CREST [山 mountain 20KR]

tooge	峠	a mountain pass // a crisis / crest	[上 up 5KR]

1561 ***Mountain pass** goes up & down like a **crisis**.* [下 down 6KR]

拙

SETSU

UNSKILFUL / CLUMSY

SETSURETSU	拙劣な	unskilful / clumsy / bungling / awkward	[扌 hand 122R]

1562 *Hand that goes out is **unskilful** & **clumsy**.* [出 go out 26KR]

尿

NYOO

URINE

NYOO	尿	urine	[尸 buttocks 105R]
NYOOI	尿意	the desire to pass water	[水 water 67KR]

1563 *Buttocks water is **urine.***

届

todo.

1. ARRIVE / REACH 2. REPORT / NOTIFY 3. FORWARD / SEND

todo.ku	届く	arrive / reach / get to	
todo.keru	届ける	report / notify // forward / send / deliver	[尸 buttocks 105R]

1564 *Buttocks the reason to **arrive, report** & **forward.*** [由 reason 720KR]

尼

NI
ama

NUN

NISOO	尼僧	a nun / sister	[尸 buttocks 105R]
ama	尼	a nun	[匕 seated pers 121R]

1565 KR *Buttocks of seated person- she's a **nun**.*

泥

DEI
doro

MUD

DEISUI	泥酔	dead drunk	[氵 water 101R]
doro	泥	mud / mire / dirt	[尼 nun 1565KR]
doroboo	泥棒	a thief / robber / burglar	

1566 *Water and a nun in the **mud**.*

自　臭　息　鼻

自

SELF

JI	JIBUN	自分	oneself
	JICHI	自治	self-government
	JIDOO	自動	automatic (motion)
	JIYUU	自由	freedom / liberty
SHI	SHIZEN	自然	nature
mizuka.	mizuka.ra	自ら	oneself / personally / in person

1567 KR *Nose is part of **self**.* From a depiction of a nose. In Asia, pointing to the nose is a way of refering to **oneself**.

臭

SMELL / REEK

SHUU	SHUUKI	臭気	an offensive smell / stench	[自 self 1567KR]
kusa.	kusa.i	臭い	foul-smelling / reeking of	[大 big 1KR]

1568 *Self is big when one **smells** & **reeks**.* Earlier versions were written using 犬 dog 89KR. The felicitous juxtaposition of 'nose' and 'dog' for an ideograph meaning 'smell' has no ready counterpart in alphabet-based writing systems. It is likely that the modern version is the result of miscopying.

息

1. BREATH　2. SON / DAUGHTER

SOKU	CHISSOKU	窒息	suffocation / asphyxiation	[自 self 1567KR]
	REISOKU	令息	your son	[心 heart 61KR]
	SOKUJO	息女	a daughter	
	musuko*	息子	a son	
iki	iki	息	breath	
	hitoiki	一息	a breath // pause / break / a 'breather'	

1569 *Self and heart need **breath** after having a **son** or **daughter**.*

鼻

NOSE

BI	BION	鼻音	a nasal sound	[自 self 1567KR]
hana	hana	鼻	nose	[田 field 16KR]
	hanaji	鼻血	a nosebleed	[++ plant 99R]
	hanagusuri	鼻薬	a bribe	

1570 *Self in field with plants- **nose** (itches).*

吐　社　圧　粧

吐

1. VOMIT　2. EXPRESS / GIVE VENT TO

TO	TOKETSU suru	吐血	vomit blood	
	TOiki	吐息	a sigh	[口 mouth 85KR]
ha.	ha.ku	吐く	vomit // emit (smoke, steam) // express / give vent to	[土 earth 15KR]
	hakike	吐き気	nausea	

1571 *Mouth to earth to **vomit** or **express** (strong emotions).*

社

1. SHINTO SHRINE　2. COMPANY　3. SOCIETY

SHA	JINJA	神社	a Shinto shrine	[ネ altar 330R]
	KAISHA	会社	a company / firm	[土 earth 15KR]
	SHAKAI	社会	society / the public	
yashiro	yashiro	社	a Shinto shrine	

1572 *Altar of earth is a **Shinto shrine** for the **company** and **society**.*

圧

PRESSURE

ATSU	ATSURYOKU	圧力	pressure	[厂 cliff 100R]
	KETSUATSU	血圧	blood pressure	[土 earth 15KR]
	KIATSU	気圧	atmospheric pressure	

1573 KR *Cliff with earth beneath is under **pressure**.*

粧

PUT ON MAKEUP　[米 rice 72KR]

SHOO	KESHOO suru	化粧	put on makeup	[ノ emphatically 138E]
	KESHOOHIN	化粧品	cosmetics	[圧 pressure 1573KR]

1574 *Rice (powder) is emphatically under pressure when **putting on makeup**.* Here, 米 symbolizes white face powder. The element 圧 has a sexual connotation: 土 is in fact 士 samurai 159KR with its undertone of virility. **Putting on makeup** to enhance sex appeal is an age-old practice.

汁　計　針　迅

汁

1. JUICE / SAP　2. SOUP / BROTH　3. LIQUID

JUU	KAJUU	果汁	fruit juice	
	NIKUJUU	肉汁	gravy / broth	[氵water 101R]
	BOKUJUU	墨汁	India ink	[十 ten 52KR]
shiru	shiru	汁	juice / sap // soup / broth	
	misoshiru	味そ汁	'miso' soup	

1575 *Water is in ten **juices, saps, soups, broths** & other **liquids.***

計

1. MEASURE / CALCULATE　2. PLAN　3. TOTAL　4. ARRANGE

KEI	TOKEI*	時計	a clock / watch	
	KAKEI	家計	housekeeping / household finances	[言 word 35KR]
	GOOKEI	合計	the total / the sum total	[十 ten 52KR]
haka.	haka.ru	計る	measure / weigh / calculate	
	haka.rau	計らう	arrange / see about / manage	

1576 *Word of ten- that's how to **measure, calculate, plan**, get the **total** & **arrange.***

針

NEEDLE / POINTER

SHIN	CHOOSHIN	長針	the minute hand (of a clock)	[金 metal 10KR]
	TANSHIN	短針	the hour hand	[十 ten 52KR]
	HOOSHIN	方針	one's course // an aim // a plan / policy / principle	
hari	hari	針	a needle / pin / fishhook / prickle / sting // stich (in surgery)	
	harigane	針金	wire	

1577 *Metal for ten **needles**.*

迅

FAST　[辶movement 178R]

JIN	JINSOKU na	迅速な	fast / rapid / swift / quick	[十 ten 52KR]

1578 *Movement of ten sleek, long-necked cranes is **fast**. Remember the element 乁 as the 'sleek' variant of long-necked crane 乇 seen in 飛 fly 1804.*

送　咲　朕　関

送

1. SEND　2. SEE OFF / SEE HOME

SOO	KAISOO	回送	send on / forward (a letter)	
	HOOSOO	放送	broadcasting (radio, TV)	[辶 movement 178R]
	UNSOO	運送	transportation / shipment	[冖 out of 278E]
	SOOBETSU	送別	a farewell / a send-off	[天 heaven 79KR]
oku.	oku.ru	送る	send / forward	
	miokuru	見送る	see someone off // follow with one's eyes // let go	

1579 *Movement out of heaven- **send** (more) when you **see me off**.*

Of interest here is 放送, the 'H' in N.H.K. (**N**ippon **H**oosoo **K**yookai, 日本放送協会), the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation.

咲

BLOOM

sa.	sa.ku	咲く	bloom	[口 mouth 85KR]
				[冖 out of 278E]
	1580 *Mouth out of heaven **blooms.***			[天 heaven 79KR]

朕

WE / OUR (ROYAL)　[月 body 144R]

CHIN	CHIN	朕	We	[冖 out of 278E]
				[天 heaven 79KR]

1581 ***Our** royal body is out of heaven. **We** think so!* A seldom-encountered character that was used exclusively by the Emperor to refer to himself. At the end of World War II this formalism was abandonded.

関

1. BARRIER / CHECKPOINT　2. RELATING TO / CONCERNING　3. SUMO WRESTLER

KAN	GENKAN	玄関	the entrance way / front door	
	ZEIKAN	税関	Customs	
	KANSAI	関西	Kansai (region of Japan including Osaka & Kyoto)	
	KANTOO	関東	Kanto (region of Japan including Tokyo)	
	KANKEI	関係	relation / relationship / connection	
	KIKAN	機関	an engine / a machine / machinery	[門 gate 145KR]
seki	sekiSHO	関所	a barrier	[冖 out of 278E]
	sekitori	関取	a ranking sumo wrestler	[天 heaven 79KR]

1582 *Gate out of heaven is a **barrier** & **checkpoint relating** to **sumo wrestlers**.*
A useful sound group is: 間　簡　関　閑 (211, 212, 1582, 1685)

丘　岳　兵　浜

丘

HILL

KYUU	SAKYUU	砂丘	a sand dune	[斤 ax 76KR]
oka	oka	丘	a hill	[一 the ground]

1583 KR *Ax on the ground on a **hill.***

岳

MOUNTAIN / PEAK

GAKU	SANGAKU	山岳	mountains	[丘 hill 1583KR]
	SANGAKUBU	山岳部	a mountaineering club	[山 mountain 20KR]
take	UNZEN dake	雲仙岳	Mount Unzen	

1584 *Hill on top of a mountain is the **mountain peak**.*

兵

SOLDIER

HEI	HEI	兵	a soldier	[丘 hill 1583KR]
	HEISHI	兵士	a soldier	[八 eight 48KR]
	HEIKI	兵器	weapons / arms	
HYOO	HYOOGO KEN	兵庫県	Hyogo prefecture	

1585 KR *Hill with eight **soldiers.***

浜

BEACH / SHORE

HIN	KAIHIN	海浜	the seashore / seaside	
	KEI-HIN	京浜	Tokyo-Yokohama	[氵 water 101R]
hama	hama	浜	the beach / seashore	[兵 soldier 1585KR]
	hamabe	浜辺	the beach / seashore	
	Yokohama	横浜	Yokohama (city)	

1586 *Water and soldiers on the **beach**.*

礼 乱 札 孔 乳

乚	**KNEELING PERSON** **1587** E *Stick figure of a **kneeling person**.*

礼

1. GREETING 2. ETIQUETTE 3. GRATITUDE

REI	REI	礼	a greeting / salutation / bow // etiquette / civility // gratitude	
	REIGI	礼儀	etiquette / decorum / manners	
	REIJOO	礼状	a letter of thanks	[礻 altar 330R]
	SHITSUREI	失礼	a breach of etiquette / discourtesy	[乚 kneeling per 1587E]
RAI	RAISAN suru	礼賛	admire / adore	

1588 *Altar with kneeling person **greeting** (the gods) with **etiquette** & **gratitude.***

乱

1. WAR / VIOLENCE 2. DISORDER / CONFUSION [舌 tongue 979KR]

RAN	RAN	乱	a war / rebellion	[乚 kneeling per 1587E]
	RANBOO na	乱暴な	violent / unruly // lawless	
mida.	mida.reru	乱れる	fall into disorder (confusion, chaos) // be demoralized	
	mida.su	乱す	throw into disorder (confusion, chaos) // demoralize // dishevel	

1589 *Tongue of kneeling person speaks of **war, violence, disorder** & **confusion**.*

札

1. PAPER MONEY 2. TAG / LABEL

SATSU	SATSU	札	paper money / a banknote / bill	[木 tree 70KR]
	SEN'ENSATSU	千円札	a 1000-yen bill	[乚 kneeling per 1587E]
fuda	fuda	札	a tag / label / card / placard	

1590 *Tree with kneeling person who has **paper money** & a **tag**.* The element 木 here is used in its sense of wood. Tags were first made of thinly shaved pieces of wood. The character 札 later came to be applied to paper money.

孔

1. HOLE 2. CONFUCIUS

KOO	BIKOO	鼻孔	a nostril	[子 child 95KR]
	TAKOO	多孔	porous	[乚 kneeling per 1587E]
	KOOSHI	孔子	Confucius	

1591 *Child and kneeling person in a **hole** looking for **Confucius**.* The character has been borrowed phonetically to express the first syllable of Confucius.

乳

1. BREAST 2. MILK

NYUU	NYUUGAN	乳がん	breast cancer	[爫 hand re down 340E]
	GYUUNYUU	牛乳	cow's milk	[子 child 95KR]
chi / chichi	chi / chichi	乳	mother's milk / a breast	[乚 kneeling per 1587E]
	ubaguruma*	乳母車	a baby carriage	

1592 *Hand reaching down to a child by a kneeling person to offer the **breast** & **milk**.*

畑 細 思 男 勇 胃 雷

畑

CULTIVATED FIELD

hata(ke)	hata(ke)	畑	a cultivated field	[火 fire 18KR]
	1593 *Fire in a field means it's a **cultivated field.***			[田 field 16KR]

細

1. THIN / SLENDER 2. TINY / FINE 3. DETAILED / ELABORATE

SAI	SAIBOO	細胞	a cell (in biology)	
	SAIBU	細部	details / particulars	
hoso.	hoso.i	細い	thin / slender / fine / narrow	[糸 thread 78KR]
	hosonagai	細長い	long & thin / lean & lanky	
koma.	koma.kai	細かい	tiny / fine / minute / delicate // detailed / elaborate	
	1594 *Thread-like field is **thin, tiny** and **detailed.***			

思

THINK

SHI	SHIKOO	思考	thinking / thought / contemplation	[田 field 16KR]
omo.	omo.u	思う	think / believe	[心 heart 61KR]
	omoide	思い出	memories	
	1595 KR *Field is in my heart, I **think**.*			

男

MAN / MALE

DAN	DANSEI	男性	male / masculine	[田 field 16KR]
NAN	CHOONAN	長男	eldest son	[力 power 17KR]
otoko	otoko	男	a man / male // boyfriend	
	1596 KR *Field power provided by **man.***			

勇

SPIRITED / BRAVE

YUU	YUUKI	勇気	courage	[マ doubl ov per 878E]
isa.	isa.mu	勇む	be in high spirits / be encouraged	[男 man 1596KR]
	isa.mashii	勇ましい	brave / valiant / heroic	
	1597 *Doubled over person with a man who is **spirited** & **brave**.*			

胃

STOMACH

I	IBYOO	胃病	stomach trouble	[田 field 16KR]
	1598 KR *Field-like body part is the **stomach**.*			[月 body part 144R]

雷

1.THUNDER 2. EXPLOSIVE WEAPON

RAI	RAIU	雷雨	a thunderstorm	[雨 rain 69KR]
	JIRAI	地雷	a land mine	[田 field 16KR]
kaminari	kaminari	雷	thunder	
	1599 *Rain falls on a mine field amidst the **thunder.***			

近 析 祈 匠 . . .

近

KIN / **chika.**

NEAR / CLOSE

KINDAI	近代	modern times / modern		
KINJO	近所	the neighbourhood / vicinity	[辶 movement 178R]	
SAIKIN no	最近の	latest / most recent	[斤 ax 76KR]	
chika.i	近い	near / close		
chikamichi	近道	a shortcut		

1600 *Movement of ax too* ***close*** *(for comfort).*

析

SEKI

ANALYZE / TAKE APART [木 tree 70KR]

BUNSEKI	分析	analysis	[斤 ax 76KR]
KAISEKI	解析	analysis	

1601 *Tree axed and then* ***taken apart*** *for* ***analysis.*** For advanced students, the Japanese language uses BUNSEKI KAGAKU 分析化学 for analytical chemistry but KAISEKI KIKAGAKU 解析幾何学 for analytical geometry.

祈

KI / **ino.**

PRAY

KIGAN	祈願	a prayer	[ネ altar 330R]
ino.ru	祈る	pray	[斤 ax 76KR]
SHU no inori	主の祈り	the Lord's prayer	

1602 *Altar axed during* ***prayer.***

匠

SHOO

CRAFTSMAN / ARTISAN [匚 box 962R]

KYOSHOO	巨匠	a great master (of painting, music)	[斤 ax 76KR]
MEISHOO	名匠	a master craftsman	

1603 *Box with an ax in it belongs to a* ***craftsman****.* Essentially a picture of a tool box with tools in it, a symbol of a **craftsman** or **artisan.**

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折

1. BREAK 2. FOLD / BEND 3. YIELD 4. TURN 5. OCCASION

SETSU	USETSU	右折	a right turn	
	SASETSU	左折	a left turn	
o.	o.reru	折れる	be broken // be folded // yield / compromise // turn	[扌 hand 122R] [斤 ax 76KR]
	o.ru	折る	break / snap // fold / bend	
	o.ri	折り	occasion / opportunity	
	origami	折り紙	'origami' / paper folding	

1604 KR *Hand with an ax can **break**, **fold** or **bend** things or make you **yield** and **turn** on this **occasion**.*

哲

WISDOM

TETSU	TETSUJIN	哲人	a wise man / sage	[折 break 1604KR]
	TETSUGAKU	哲学	philosophy	[口 mouth 85KR]

1605 *Broken mouth still has **wisdom.***

誓

OATH / VOW / PLEDGE

SEI	SEIMON	誓文	a written oath	[折 break 1604KR]
	SEIYAKU	誓約	an oath / vow / pledge	[言 word 35KR]
chika.	chika.u	誓う	swear / vow / pledge	

1606 *Broken word of an **oath**.*

逝

DIE / PASS AWAY

SEI	SEIKYO suru	逝去	die / pass away	[辶 movement 178R]
	KYUUSEI	急逝	sudden death	[折 break 1604KR]
yu.	yu.ku	逝く	die / pass away	

1607 *Movement broken when you **die.***

V. Structure Groups- Level 2

留　貿　。　度　渡

厂	**DOMINANT PERSON** **1608** E *From a pictograph of a **dominant person.***			
廿	**VARIOUS OBJECTS** **1609** E *Symbol meaning **various objects.***			
留	**1. STAY / SETTLE DOWN　2. FASTEN DOWN　3. HOLD / KEEP**			
RYUU	RYUUGAKU	留学	study abroad	
RU	RUSUBAN	留守番	house sitting / staying home & looking after the house while others are away	[厂 dom pers 1608E] [刀 sword 7KR]
to.	to.maru	留まる	stay / settle down	[田 field 16KR]
	to.meru	留める	fasten down // hold / keep	
	1610 *Dominant person with a sword in a field **stays** & **settles down** after he **fastens down** things to **hold** & **keep** them.*			
貿	**TRADE**			[厂 dom pers 1608E]
BOO	BOOEKI	貿易	trade	[刀 sword 7KR]
	1611 *Dominant person with sword & money is in **trade.***			[貝 money 91KR]
度	**1. MEASURE OF / DEGREE / EXTENT　2. TIME / OCCASION**			
DO	ONDO	温度	temperature	
	SOKUDO	速度	speed / velocity	[广 building 186R]
	TAIDO	態度	an attitude / manner / behaviour	[廿 various obj 1609E]
	ICHIDO	一度	once	[又 hand 295R]
	KONDO	今度	this time / soon / next time	
TAKU	SHITAKU	支度	preparations / arrangements	
tabi	tabi tabi	度々	many times / often / frequently	
	1612 KR *Building with various objects on hand are a **measure of** the **time** & **occasion**.*			
渡	**1. CROSS OVER　2. HAND OVER**			
TO	TOKOO	渡航	a voyage / passage	[氵 water 101R]
wata.	wata.ru	渡る	cross over	[度 degree 1612KR]
	wata.su	渡す	hand over / deliver // carry across	
	1613 *Water by degees can be **crossed over** if you **hand over** (the ferry boat fee).*			

巡 災。丸 執。姫 臨

巡

GO AROUND

JUN	JUNKAI	巡回	rounds / a patrol / beat / circuit	[辶 movement 178R]
megu.	megu.ru	巡る	go around / revolve / rotate // circulate // make one's rounds / patrol	[川 river 19KR]

1614 *Movement of a river with sharp bends* ***goes around*** *them.*

災

CALAMITY / MISFORTUNE [川 river 19KR]

SAI	SAIGAI	災害	a calamity / disaster / accident	[火 fire 18KR]
wazawa.	wazawa.i	災い	a calamity / misfortune / disaster	

1615 *River with sharp bends and fire brings* ***calamity*** *&* ***misfortune.***

丸

1. ROUND 2. WHOLE / FULL 3. SUFFIX FOR A SHIP'S NAME

GAN	GANYAKU	丸薬	a pill	
maru	hi no maru	日の丸	the Rising-Sun flag of Japan	[九 nine 49KR]
maru.	maru.i	丸い	circular / round	[丿 emphatically 138E]
	maru.maru	丸まる	roll up into a ball / round	
maru-	maru ni nen	丸二年	two whole (full) years	
-maru	Nihon maru	日本丸	the ship Nihon	

1616 KR *Nine is emphatically* ***round*** *and* ***whole*** *on the* ***ship*** *Nihon maru.*

執

1. EXECUTE / CARRY OUT 2. SEIZE / GRASP

SHITSU	SHIKKOO suru	執行	execute / carry out / enforce	[幸 happiness 1933KR]
SHUU	SHUUNEN	執念	tenacity of purpose // vindictiveness	[丸 round 1616KR]

1617 *Happiness is round when you* ***execute*** *(plans) &* ***seize*** *(the day).*

姫

PRINCESS [女 woman 96KR]

hime	hime	姫	a princess	[臣 retainer 65KR]

1618 *Woman with a retainer is a* ***princess.***

臨

1. FACE / LOOK OUT OVER 2. BE PRESENT 3. REIGN / RULE OVER

RIN	RINKAI no	臨海の	seaside / marine	
	KUNRIN suru	君臨	reign / rule over	[臣 retainer 65KR]
nozo.	nozo.mu	臨む	face / look out over // confront // be present / attend	[亠 horiz person 805] [品 goods 60KR]

1619 *Retainer and horizontal person with goods that* ***face*** *(the street) must* ***be present*** *to* ***reign over*** *them.*

別 拐。猟 備。医 疾

別

1. DIFFERENT / SEPARATE 2. SPECIAL 3. BID FAREWELL

BETSU	BETSU no	別の	different / separate	
	BETSU ni	別に	specially / particularly // in addition	[骨 bone 335R]
	TOKUBETSU	特別	special	[刂 knife 163R]
waka.	waka.reru	別れる	bid farewell / part // diverge / scatter	

1620 *Bones and a knife are **different** & **special** so **farewell.*** Note variant of 骨 .

拐

KIDNAP

KAI	YUUKAI	誘拐	kidnapping / abduction	[扌 hand 122R]
				[骨 bone 335R]

1621 *Hand on my bones- I've been **kidnapped**.*

猟

HUNTING

RYOO	RYOO o suru	猟をする	hunt	[犭 animal 150R]
	RYOOKEN	猟犬	a hunting dog	[爫 claws see 340E]
	RYOOSHI	猟師	a hunter	[用 use 27KR]

1622 *Animal with claws is useful for **hunting.*** Note variant of 用.

備

1. PREPARE FOR 2. EQUIP / PROVIDE [亻 person 154R]

BI	JUNBI	準備	preparations / arrangements	[艹 plant 99R]
	SETSUBI	設備	equipment / facilities	[厂 cliff 100R]
sona.	sona.waru	備わる	be supplied with	[用 use 27KR]
	sona.eru	備える	prepare for // equip / provide // possess	

1623 *Person with plants on a cliff uses them to **prepare for** and **equip** (a botany class).*

医

MEDICINE / HEALING

I	IGAKU	医学	medicine / medical science	[匚 box 962R]
	ISHA	医者	a doctor / physician	[矢 arrow 80KR]

1624 *Box with an arrow in it is for **medicine** & **healing**.*

疾

1. ILLNESS / DISEASE 2. FAST

SHITSU	SHIKKAN	疾患	a disease / ailment	[疒 sickness 215R]
	SHISSOO suru	疾走	run fast / scamper	[矢 arrow 80KR]

1625 *Sickness caused by an arrow is an **illness** that comes on **fast**.*

豊 典。宗 崇。器 喪

豊

ABUNDANT / RICH

HOO	HOOFU na	豊富な	abundant / ample / rich / wealthy	[曲 bend 75KR]
	HOOSAKU	豊作	a good harvest	[豆 bean 1082KR]
yuta.	yuta.ka na	豊な	abundant / ample / rich / wealthy	

1626 *Bending beans are* ***abundant.***

典

1. RULE / LAW 2. BOOK / WRITING 3. MODEL

TEN	HOOTEN	法典	a law code / statute	
	JITEN	辞典	a dictionary	[曲 bend 75KR]
	TENKEI	典型	a model / type / pattern	[八 eight 48KR]

1627 *Bend eight* ***rules*** *in the* ***book*** *by being a* ***model****.*

宗

1. RELIGION / SECT 2. HEAD / LEADER

SHUU	SHUUKYOO	宗教	religion	[宀 house 107R]
	SHUUHA	宗派	a sect / denomination	[示 show 36KR]
SOO	SOOKE	宗家	the head family / originator	

1628 KR *House shows the* ***religion*** *of its* ***head*** *&* ***leader****.*

崇

1. REVERE 2. NOBLE / LOFTY / SUBLIME

SUU	SUUHAI	崇拝	worship / adoration	[山 mountain 20KR]
	SUUKOO na	崇高な	noble / high-minded / lofty / sublime	[宗 religion 1628KR]

1629 *Mountain religion* ***reveres*** *what is* ***noble, lofty*** *&* ***sublime.***

器

1. VESSEL 2. UTENSIL / APPARATUS 3. ABILITY

KI	KIGU	器具	a utensil / an implement / apparatus	[大 big 1KR]
	GAKKI	楽器	a musical instument	[口 mouth 85KR]
	KIYOO	器用	dexterity / skill	
utsuwa	utsuwa	器	a vessel / container // utensil // ability	

1630 *Four big mouths require* ***vessels****,* ***utensils*** *&* ***ability*** *(to feed them all).*

喪

MOURNING

SOO	SOOSHITSU	喪失	loss / forfeiture	[十 ten 52KR]
mo	mo	喪	mourning	[口 mouth 85KR]
	moCHUU	喪中	in mourning	[衣 clothing 265KR]

1631 *Ten mouths and simple clothing for* ***mourning****.*

崩 棚。卵 柳。万 励

崩

1. CRUMBLE / COLLAPSE 2. DEMOLISH [山 mountain 20KR]

HOO HOOKAI 崩壊 a collapse / fall / breakdown [月 month 58KR]
kuzu. kuzu.reru 崩れる crumble / fall to pieces / collapse
kuzu.su 崩す demolish / break down / destroy // break (change) a large bill

1632 *Mountain in two months will **crumble** & **collapse**- if not, we will **demolish** it.*

棚

SHELF

tana tana 棚 a shelf [木 tree 70KR]
HONdana 本棚 a bookshelf [月 month 58KR]
TOdana 戸棚 a cupboard

1633 *Tree in two months will be a **shelf.***

卵

EGG

RAN RAN'OO 卵黄 yolk
tamago tamago 卵 an egg / spawn / roe

1634 *Pictograph of fish **eggs** or frog spawn, now representing **eggs** in general.*

柳

WILLOW

RYUU KARYUU 花柳 red-light district (lit. blossoms & willows) [木 tree 70KR]
yanagi yanagi 柳 a willow [卵 egg 1634]

1635 *Tree with empty eggs is like a **willow.***

万

1. TEN THOUSAND 2. MANY / ALL

MAN ICHIMAN 一万 10,000
MANNENHITSU 万年筆 a fountain pen [方 side 726KR]
BAN BANZAI 万歳 Cheers! Hip, hip, hurrah!
BANJI 万事 everything / all

1636 KR *Flat side is **ten thousand**.*

励

1. ENCOURAGE / STIMULATE 2. BE DILIGENT / WORK HARD

REI SHOOREI suru 奨励 encourage / stimulate / promote [厂 cliff 100R]
SEIREI suru 精励 be diligent / work hard / apply oneself [万 10,000 1636KR]
hage. hage.mu 励む be diligent / work hard / strive [力 power 17KR]
hage.masu 励ます encourage / stimulate / cheer up

1637 *Cliff with 10,000 powers **encourages** us to be **diligent**.*

耐 端。南 献。灰 炭

耐

1. ENDURE / WITHSTAND 2. BE FIT FOR [而 beard 428E]

TAI	TAIKYUU	耐久	endurance / durability	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
	TAIKA no	耐火の	fireproof	
ta.	ta.eru	耐える	endure / bear / resist // be fit for / be competent	

1638 *Beard (shaved off) with a skilful hand- I can **endure** it and I'm **fit for** more.* Shaving of the beard was a minor punishment at one point in Chinese history. As an ideograph, 耐 conveys something that one could readily **endure**.

端

1. END / TIP 2. CORRECT 3. EDGE / SIDE

TAN	TANSHI	端子	an electrical terminal	[立 stand up 25KR]
	TANZEN	端然	correct / proper // straight / erect	[山 mountain 20KR]
hashi	hashi	端	an end / a tip // the edge / border	[而 beard 428E]
hata	hata	端	a side / edge	
ha	haSUU	端数	a fraction / fragment / an odd sum	

1639 *Stand on the mountain wearing a beard- the **end** & **tip** are **correct**, so is the **edge**.*

南

SOUTH [十 ten 52KR]

NAN	NANKYOKU	南極	the South Pole	[冂 partial encl 1317R]
minami	minami	南	south	[羊 v 羊 sheep 1193KR]

1640 KR *Ten partially enclosed short sheep are in the **south**.*

献

1. OFFER / PRESENT 2. COUNTER FOR DRINKS

KEN	KENKETSU	献血	a blood donation	[南 south 1640KR]
KON	KONdate	献立	a menu // arrangements / preparations	[犬 dog 89KR]
	IKKON	一献	a cup (sake)	

1641 *Southern dog **offers** (its paw) for **a cup of sake**.*

灰

ASHES

KAI	SEKKAI	石灰	lime	[厂 cliff 100R]
hai	haizara	灰皿	an ashtray	[火 fire 18KR]

1642 KR *Cliff with fire at its base that is now **ashes.***

炭

CHARCOAL

TAN	TANSO	炭素	carbon	[山 mountain 20KR]
	SEKITAN	石炭	coal	[灰 ashes 1642KR]
sumi	sumi	炭	charcoal.	

1643 *Mountain ashes after making **charcoal**.*

后 局。争 浄。句 拘

后

KOO

EMPRESS [尸 buttocks 105R]

KOOGOO	皇后	an empress	[口 anus]

1644 *One who follows 'behind' is the **empress**.* A depiction of a derriere. Henshall (Appendix 1) suggests that the character's meaning stems from the practice of referring to the **empress** as one who follows behind the emperor. Note variant of 尸 .

局

KYOKU

1. OFFICE / BUREAU 2. STATION (RADIO, TV) 3. SITUATION

YUUBIN KYOKU	郵便局	the post office	[尸 buttocks 105R]
HOOSOO KYOKU	放送局	a broadcasting station	[句 phrase 1648KR]
JIKYOKU	時局	the situation	

1645 *Buttocks is the phrase for that **office** & some **stations**- that's the **situation.***

争

SOO

QUARREL / DISPUTE / FIGHT

SENSOO	戦争	a war	[勹 bending pers 476E]
RONSOO	論争	a dispute	[⺕ hand]
araso. araso.u	争う	quarrel / dispute / fight	

1646 KR *Bending person with a stick in his hand **quarrels, disputes** & **fights.***

浄

JOO

PURE / CLEAN

JOOSUI	浄水	pure (clean) water	[氵 water 101R]
JOOSUIKI	浄水器	a water purifier	[争 quarrel 1646KR]

1647 *Water that is quarreled over is **pure** & **clean**.*

句

KU

PHRASE

KU	句	a phrase / an expression // line / verse	
MONKU	文句	wording / phraseology // a complaint	[勹 wrap 192R]
HAIKU	俳句	a 'haiku' poem	[口 mouth 85KR]

1648 KR *Wrap your mouth around a **phrase.***

拘

KOO

1. SEIZE / ARREST 2. ADHERE TO

KOOSOKU	拘束	restriction / detention / confinement	[扌 hand 122R]
KOORYUU	拘留	detention / custody	[句 phrase 1648KR]
KOODEI suru	拘泥	adhere (stick, keep) to	

1649 *Hand(y) phrase- **seize, arrest** & **adhere** to them.*

内 納。久 畝。享 郭

内

INSIDE

NAI	NAIBU	内部	the inside / interior	[冂 partial encl 1317R]
	KANAI	家内	one's wife // family / household	[人 person 94KR]
uchi	uchi	内	the inside // one's home // our // within	

1650 KR *Partially enclosed person is **inside**.*

納

1. PAY 2. STORE / KEEP 3. SUPPLY / DELIVER

NOO	NOOZEI	納税	tax payment	
TOO	SUITOO*	出納	receipts & disbursements	[糸 thread 78KR]
NA	NAYA	納屋	a storage shed / barn / outbuilding	[内 inside 1650KR]
	NATTOO	納豆	'natto' / fermented soybeans	
NAN	NANDO	納戸	a closet / backroom	
osa.	osa.maru	納まる	be paid / be settled / be put (in, back) / be well pleased	
	osa.meru	納める	pay // supply / deliver // put (in, back) / store / keep	

1651 *Threads inside- you have to **pay** because I **store, keep, supply** & **deliver** them.*

久

LONG TIME

KYUU	EIKYUU no	永久の	permanent / perpetual	[ク bending pers 476E]
KU	KUON	久遠	eternity	
hisa.	hisa.shiburi	久しぶり	after a long interval / for the first time in ages	

1652 KR *Bending person propped up **for a long time.***

畝

1. UNIT OF SQUARE MEASURE 2. RIDGE [亠 pot lid 227R]

se	se	畝	a unit of sq. measure 99.3 sq.m	[田 field 16KR]
une	une	畝	a ridge (field) / a rib (fabric)	[久 long time 1652KR]

1653 *Pot lid on field for a long time was a **measure** for **ridges**.*

享

1. ENJOY 2. POSSESS / BE GIVEN

KYOO	KYOORAKU	享楽	enjoyment / pleasure	[亠 v 高 tall 216KR]
	KYOOJU suru	享受	enjoy // possess / be given	[子 child 95KR]

1654 KR *Tall child **enjoys** what she **possesses** & is **given.***

郭

ENCLOSURE / QUARTER

KAKU	GAIKAKU	外郭	an outline / contour / border / perimeter	[享 enjoy 1654KR]
	YUUKAKU	遊郭	the red-light district / gay quarter	[阝 village 347R]

1655 *Enjoy the village- especially its **enclosures** & **quarters**.*

順 訓。価 煙。派 脈

順

ORDER / SEQUENCE [川 river 19KR]

JUN

JUN	順	order / turn	[頁 forehead 453R]
JUNBAN	順番	order / one's turn	

1656 *River with foreheads in **order**.* Students will recognize 順 from the a-i-u-e-o-jun and the GO JUU ON JUN 五十音順, the **order** of kana syllabaries.

訓

1. 'KUN' (JAPANESE) READING OF A KANJI 2. TEACHINGS / PRECEPTS

KUN

KUN yomi	訓読み	the 'KUN' reading of a kanji	[言 word 35KR]
KYOOKUN	教訓	teachings / precepts / lesson / moral	[川 river 19KR]

1657 *Word for river: kawa is the **KUN** yomi, according to **teachings** & **precepts**.*

価

1. PRICE 2. VALUE

KA	KACHI	価値	value / worth / merit	[亻 person 154R]
atai	atai	価	price // value / worth	[西 west 84KR]

1658 *Person in the west puts a **price** on everything of **value**.*

煙

SMOKE

EN	ENTOTSU	煙突	a chimney	[火 fire 18KR]
	KIN'EN	禁煙	No Smoking	[西 west 84KR]
kemuri	kemuri	煙	smoke	[土 earth 15KR]
kemu.	kemu.ru	煙る	smoke / smolder // look (appear) dim	
	kemu.i	煙い	smoky	

1659 *Fire on western earth is **smokey**.*

派

1. SECT / FACTION 2. DISPATCH / SEND

HA

SAHA	左派	the left wing / leftists	[氵 water 101R]
UHA	右派	the right wing / rightists	
HAKEN suru	派遣	dispatch / send	

1660 *Water's tributaries are like a **dispatched sect**.* The 'tributary' element is a depiction of a river and its tributaries, to convey a branching or splitting from the main body.

脈

VEIN / PULSE

MYAKU

JOOMYAKU	静脈	a vein	[月 body 144R]
DOOMYAKU	動脈	an artery	

1661 *Body's tributaries are its **veins**.* MYAKU is also used figuratively in compounds to convey continuity or regularity, such as MYAKURAKU 脈絡 (logical connection) and SANMYAKU 山脈 (a mountain range).

処 拠。笑 添。考 拷

処

1. DEAL WITH / MANAGE 2. BEHAVE

SHO	SHORI suru	処理	deal with / manage	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
	SHOSEIJUTSU	処世術	how to get on in life / the art of living	[几 table 119NJY]
	SHOJO	処女	a virgin / maiden	
	SHOBATSU	処罰	punishment	

1662 KR *Upturned foot under table- I can **deal with** it so **behave**.*

拠

BE BASED ON

KYO	JUNKYO suru	準拠	be based on / conform to	[扌 hand 122R]
	KONKYO	根拠	the basis / foundation / grounds	[処 deal with 1662KR]
KO	SHOOKO	証拠	proof / evidence	

1663 *Hand can deal with it **based on** (past experience).*

笑

LAUGH / SMILE

SHOO	KUSHOO	苦笑	a bitter (wry) smile	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
wara.	wara.u	笑う	laugh / smile	[天 heaven 79KR]
e.	e.mu	笑む	smile	

1664 *Bamboo heaven makes me **laugh** & **smile**.*

添

1. ADD TO / APPEND 2. ACCOMPANY [氵 water 101R]

TEN	TENKA suru	添加	add to / append / affix	[天 heaven 79KR]
so.	so.eru	添える	add to / append / throw in (extras)	[心 heart 61KR]
	so.u	添う	accompany // marry // satisfy / meet	

1665 *Water is heaven in my heart so I **add it to** (everything) that it **accompanies**.*

考

THINK [土 old man 1213E]

KOO	SHIKOO	思考	thinking / thought / contemplation	[与 twis w weed 199CO]
kanga.	kanga.eru	考える	think	

1666 KR *Old man is bent like a twisting waterweed but he can still **think**.*

拷

TORTURE

GOO	GOOMON	拷問	torture	[扌 hand 122R]
	GOOMONDAI	拷問台	the rack	[考 think 1666KR]

1667 *Hand thinks of **torture**.*

菊 菌。延 誕。刺 策

菊

KIKU

CHRYSANTHEMUM [艹 plant 99R]

KIKU	菊	a chrysanthemum	[勹 wrap 192R]
SHIRAGIKU	白菊	a white chrysanthemum	[米 rice 72KR]

1668 *Plant that resembles wrapped rice is a **chrysanthemum.***

菌

KIN

BACTERIUM / GERM / FUNGUS [艹 plant 99R]

KIN	菌	a bacterium / germ / fungus	[口 enclosure 567R]
SAIKIN	細菌	a bacterium / germ	[禾 rice plant 213R]
SAKKIN	殺菌	sterilization / pasteurization	

1669 *Plants, like this enclosed rice plant, may get a **bacterium, germ** or **fungus**.*

延

EN
no.

1. EXTEND / PROLONG 2. POSTPONE [廴 simple move 178R]

ENCHOO suru	延長	extend / prolong / lengthen	[正 correct 1012KR]
no.biru	延びる	be extended / prolonged // postponed	
no.basu	延ばす	extend / lengthen // straighten / flatten // postpone / defer / put off	

1670 KR *Simple movement correct to **extend, prolong** & even **postpone** (matters).*

誕

TAN

BIRTH

TANJOO suru	誕生	be born	[言 word 35KR]
TANJOOBI	誕生日	a birthday	[延 extend 1670KR]

1671 *Words extended during **birth**.*

刺

SHI
sa.
toge

1. PIERCE / STAB 2. THORN

SHISATSU suru	刺殺	stab to death // tag a runner (baseball)	
MEISHI	名刺	a 'meishi' / business card	[朿 thorn]
sa.su	刺す	stab / pierce // sting // sew // tag	[刂 knife 163R]
sashimi	刺身	'sashimi' / sliced raw fish	
toge	刺	a thorn / prickle / spine / splinter	

1672 ***Thorn** and knife can **pierce** & **stab**.* The thorn element was originally written 朿 showing 木 (here, meaning wood) and 厶 , a symbol of tapering.

策

SAKU

1. PLAN / MEASURE 2. POLICY

SAKU	策	a plan / measure / scheme // policy	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
SEISAKU	政策	a policy (foreign, industrial, social)	[*v.s.* thorn]

1673 *Bamboo thorn in the **plan** and **policy**.*

座 傘。沈 就。亜 悪

座

1. SEAT 2. THEATRE 3. CONSTELLATION

ZA	ZASEKI	座席	a seat	[广 building 186R]
	GINZA	銀座	Ginza (area of Tokyo)	[人 person 94KR]
	SEIZA	星座	a constellation	[土 earth 15KR]
suwa.	suwa.ru	座る	sit down / take a seat / squat	

1674 *Building with two persons **seated** on the earth in a **theatre** in a **constellation**.*

傘

UMBRELLA

SAN	SANKA	傘下	affiliated
kasa	kasa	傘	an umbrella

1675 *Pictograph of an **umbrella**, showing the bonnet or hood 亼, ribs 厹 and handle 十.*

沈

SINK [氵 water 101R]

CHIN	CHINBOTSU	沈没	sink / go down
shizu.	shizu.mu	沈む	sink / go down // be downcast / depressed
	shizu.meru	沈める	send to the bottom / sink

1676 *Water and drowning person- he's **sinking**.* Remember the element 冗 as a person with legs askew and outstretched arms floundering in the water and about to **sink.**

就

1. TAKE A SEAT 2. FIND A POSITION 3. STUDY UNDER [京 capital 2055KR]

SHUU	SHUUSHOKU	就職	find a position (employment, a job)	[犬 dog 89KR]
tsu.	tsu.ku	就く	take a seat // find a position // study under	

1677 *Capital dog with a crooked leg **takes a seat** & **finds a position** to **study under.***

亜

1. SUB- / RANK NEXT 2. PHONETIC FOR ASIA

A	ANETTAI	亜熱帯	the subtropics
	AJIA	亜細亜	Asia

1678 KR From a depiction of two hatted hunchbacks facing one another and initially conveying ugly, twisted & inferior, but now meaning **sub-** & **rank next**. Phonetically borrowed for the syllables of **Asia**.

悪

BAD / EVIL / WRONG

AKU	AKU	悪	bad / evil / wrong	[亜 sub- 1678KR]
O	KEN'O	嫌悪	dislike / disgust / loathing / hatred	[心 heart 61KR]
waru.	waru.i	悪い	bad / evil / wrong / immoral	

1679 *Sub-heart is **bad, evil** & **wrong**.* Here, 亜 conveys ugly & twisted.

決 快。乏 芝。床 閑

決

DECIDE

KETSU	KETTEI suru	決定	decide / fix / settle	[氵 water 101R]
ki.	ki.maru	決まる	be decided / fixed / settled	[央 centre 792KR]
	ki.meru	決める	decide / fix / settle	

1680 *Water with an incomplete centre* ***decides*** *it.* Remember the element 夬 as the incomplete variant of 央 .

快

PLEASANT / AGREEABLE

KAI	KAIKATSU na	快活な	cheerful / jovial / lively	[忄 feelings 133R]
	KAISEI	快晴	fine weather	[央 centre 792KR]
kokoroyo.	kokoroyo.i	快い	pleasant / agreeable / refreshing	

1681 *Feelings with an incomplete centre are* ***pleasant*** *&* ***agreeable****.*

乏

SCANT / MEAGRE

BOO	BINBOO	貧乏	poverty	[亻 person 154R]
tobo.	tobo.shii	乏しい	scant / scarce / meagre / lacking	

1682 *Little person on a zig-zag path has* ***scant*** *&* ***meagre*** *(resources).*

芝

LAWN

shiba	shiba	芝	a lawn	[⺾ plant 99R]
	shibafu*	芝生	a lawn	
	shibai	芝居	a play / drama / show // a theatre / playhouse	

1683 *Plants on a zig-zag path across the* ***lawn.***

床

1. BED 2. FLOOR 3. ALCOVE [广 building 186R]

SHOO	BYOOSHOO	病床	a sickbed	[木 tree 70KR]
yuka	yuka	床	the floor	
toko	toko	床	an alcove // the floor // a bed	
	tokonoma	床の間	a 'tokonoma' / an alcove in a Japanese-style room	

1684 *Building by the tree has a* ***bed****,* ***floor*** *&* ***alcove.***

閑

LEISURE / QUIET

KAN	KANSAN na	閑散な	leisurely / quiet // slack / inactive	[門 gate 145KR]
	KANSEI na	閑静な	quiet / tranquil / secluded	[木 tree 70KR]

1685 *Gate barred with a tree ensures* ***leisure*** *&* ***quiet****.* Note sound group at 1582.

診 珍。替 潜。全 栓

診

EXAMINE / DIAGNOSE [言 word 35KR]

SHIN	SHINSATSU	診察	a medical examination	[人 person 94KR]
	SHINDAN	診断	a diagnosis	[彡 hair 342CO]
mi.	mi.ru	診る	examine / diagnose	

1686 *Words about person with hair- he's having a* ***medical examination.***

珍

RARE / UNUSUAL [王 king 64KR]

CHIN	CHINKI na	珍奇な	rare / novel / odd / quaint	[人 person 94KR]
mezura.	mezura.shii	珍しい	rare / unusual // strange / curious	[彡 hair 342CO]

1687 *King is a person with hair- how* ***rare*** *&* ***unusal.***

替

EXCHANGE / SWAP / REPLACE

TAI	DAITAI	代替	substitution	[夫 man 635KR]
ka.	ka.waru	替わる	be replaced	[日 sun 57KR]
	ka.eru	替える	replace	
	RYOOgae suru	両替	exchange (change) money	

1688 KR *Two men in the sun* ***exchange*** *&* ***swap*** *(stories).*

潜

1.DIVE 2. LURK 3. CRAWL INTO

SEN	SENSUI	潜水	diving	[氵 water 101R]
	SENNYUU suru	潜入	sneak into / infiltrate	[替 exchange 1688KR]
hiso.	hiso.mu	潜む	lie concealed / lurk	
mogu.	mogu.ru	潜る	crawl into // dive into	

1689 *Water is exchanged when you* ***dive, lurk*** *or* ***crawl into*** *it.*

全

ALL / WHOLE / ENTIRE

ZEN	ZENBU	全部	all / the whole / entire	[人 person 94KR]
	ANZEN	安全	safety / security	[王 king 64KR]
	KANZEN	完全	perfection / completeness	
matta.	matta.ku	全く	entirely / completely // really / truly	

1690 KR *Person of the king is* ***all, really*** *and* ***truly.***

栓

STOPPER / PLUG / TAP

SEN	SEN	栓	a stopper / plug / cork / tap	[木 tree 70KR]
	SEN nuki	栓抜き	a bottle opener / corkscrew	[全 all 1690KR]
	SHOOKASEN	消火栓	a fire hydrant	

1691 *Trees all make good* ***stoppers, plugs*** *&* ***taps.*** Here, 木 means wood.

茶 漆 。 売 読 続

茶

1. TEA 2. BROWN 3. FUNNY / COMICAL

CHA	CHA	茶	tea	[⺾ plant 99R]
	CHADOO	茶道	tea ceremony	[人 person 94KR]
	CHAiro	茶色	(light) brown	[木 tree 70KR]
	CHABAN	茶番	farce / low comedy	
SA	SADOO	茶道	tea ceremony	

1692 *Plant (collected) by person from loose tree is **tea** which is **brown** and **funny**.* Note variant of 木 .

漆

LACQUER [氵 water 101R]

SHITSU	SHIKKI	漆器	lacquerware	[木 tree 70KR]
	SHIKKOKU	漆黒	jet black	[人 person 94KR]
urushi	urushi	漆	lacquer	[水 water 67KR]

1693 *Water (collected) from tree by person in drops is **lacquer.*** Note variant of 水 whose drops represent sap from the lacquer tree.

売

SELL

BAI	BAITEN	売店	a stand / kiosk / shop	[士 samurai 159KR]
u.	u.reru	売れる	be sold / sell well	[冖 cover 247R]
	u.ru	売る	sell	[儿 legs 302R]

1694 KR *Samurai with covered legs **sells.***

読

READ

DOKU	DOKUSHO	読書	reading	[言 word 35KR]
TOKU	TOKUHON	読本	a reader / primer	[売 sell 1694KR]
TOO	KUTOOTEN	句読点	punctuation marks	
yo.	yo.mu	読む	read	

1695 *Words are sold to those who **read**.*

続

CONTINUE

ZOKU	RENZOKU	連続	continuous / consecutive	[糸 thread 78KR]
tsuzu.	tsuzu.ku	続く	something continues / goes on	[売 sell 1694KR]
	tsuzu.keru	続ける	continue / go on / keep on (doing)	

1696 *Threads are sold to those who **continue** (sewing).*

件 牧 。友 抜 髪

件

MATTER / AFFAIR

KEN	JIKEN	事件	an event / incident / matter / affair	[亻 person 154R]
	YOOKEN	用件	an important matter	[牛 cow 90KR]

1697 *Person with a cow- it must be an important* ***matter.***

牧

PASTURE

BOKU	BOKUJOO	牧場	a pasture	
	BOKUSHI	牧師	a pastor / clergyman	[牛 cow 90KR]
maki	makiba	牧場	a pasture	[攵 strike 200R]

1698 *Cow struck while being taken to* ***pasture.***

友

FRIEND

YUU	YUUJOO	友情	friendship	[𠂇 left hand]
tomo	tomodachi	友達	a friend	[又 right hand 295R]

1699 KR *Left hand grasps right hand of a* ***friend.***

抜

1. PULL OUT 2. LEAVE OUT / OMIT 3. SURPASS

BATSU	SENBATSU	選抜	selection / choice / picking out	[扌 hand 122R]
	BATSUGUN	抜群	outstanding / preeminent	[友 friend 1699KR]
nu.	nu.keru	抜ける	come out / fall out // be left out / be missing / be omitted / be gone	
	nu.ku	抜く	pull out / extract // leave out / omit // surpass / outstrip	
	nu.kasu	抜かす	leave out / omit / skip	

1700 *Hand of a friend* ***pulls you out*** *(of trouble) and* ***leaves out*** *that he* ***surpasses*** *you.*

髪

HAIR

HATSU	SANPATSU	散髪	a haircut	[長 long 363KR]
	KINPATSU	金髪	a blond	[彡 hair 342CO]
kami	kami	髪	hair (on the head)	[友 friend 1699KR]

1701 *Long* ***hair*** *of a friend.* Note variant of 長 .

赤 赦 嚇 。斗 料 科

赤

RED

SEKI	SEKIJUJI	赤十字	the Red Cross	
aka	aka	赤	red	[土 earth 15KR]
	akachan	赤ちゃん	a baby	[灬 fire 402R]
	akanboo	赤ん坊	a baby	
aka.	aka.rameru	赤らめる	blush / redden	
	aka.i	赤い	red	

1702 KR *Earth on fire is **red.*** Note variant of fire.

赦

FORGIVE

SHA	YOOSHA suru	容赦	forgive / pardon / have mercy on	[赤 red 1702KR]
	ONSHA	恩赦	an amnesty	[攵 strike 200R]

1703 *Red strike then **forgive.***

嚇

THREAT

KAKU	IKAKU	威嚇	a threat / intimidation	[口 mouth 85KR]

1704 *Mouth double red with **threats.*** [赤 red 1702KR]

斗

1. DIPPER 2. A 'TO' (UNIT OF VOLUME, 18 LITRES)

TO	HOKUTOSEI	北斗星	the Big Dipper
	ITTO	一斗	one 'to' (of sake)

1705 KR *Pictograph of a **dipper** with something in it.*

料

1. MATERIALS 2. FEE

RYOO	ZAIRYOO	材料	materials / ingredients // data	[米 rice 72KR]
	RYOORI	料理	cooking	[斗 dipper 1705KR]
	RYOOKIN	料金	a fee / fare / charge	

1706 *Rice in a dipper is the **material** for which we charge a **fee**.*

科

1. ACADEMIC COURSE 2. FACULTY / DEPARTMENT 3. FAMILY (IN BIOLOGY)

KA	KAMOKU	科目	a course / subject (in school)	
	KAGAKU	科学	science	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	nekoKA	猫科	the Cat Family	[斗 dipper 1705KR]

1707 *Rice plant in a dipper- take a **course** in the **faculty** to determine its **family**.*

叫 糾 収 。 耕 囲 寒

TWISTED
1708 E *From a depiction of* ***twisted*** *threads.*

叫

SHOUT / CRY OUT

KYOO	ZEKKYOO	絶叫	a scream / an exclamation	[口 mouth 85KR]
sake.	sake.bu	叫ぶ	shout / cry out / shriek / scream	[*v.s.* twisted 1708E]

1709 *Mouth twisted as it* ***shouts*** *&* ***cries out.***

糾

EXAMINE CLOSELY

KYUU	KYUUMEI suru	糾明	examine closely	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KYUUDAN suru	糾弾	charge / accuse / impeach	[*v.s.* twisted 1708E]

1710 *Thread twisted-* ***examine it closely.***

収

OBTAIN / COLLECT

SHUU	SHUUNYUU	収入	an income / revenue / proceeds	[*v.s.* twisted 1708E]
osa.	osa.maru	収まる	be obtained	[又 hand 295R]
	osa.meru	収める	obtain / collect	

1711 *Twisted hand* ***obtains*** *&* ***collects*** *(the money).*

耕

TILL / CULTIVATE

KOO	KOOSAKU suru	耕作	cultivate / farm	[木 tree 70KR]
tagaya.	tagaya.su	耕す	till / cultivate / plow	[井 well 50KR]

1712 *Many-branched tree by the well-* ***till*** *&* ***cultivate*** *around it.*

囲

SURROUND / ENCLOSE

I	SHUUI	周囲	circumference // surroundings / environs	
kako.	kako.mu	囲む	surround / enclose / encircle	[口 enclosure 567R]
	kako.u	囲う	surround / enclose / encircle	[井 well 50KR]

1713 *Enclosed well is* ***surrounded.***

寒

COLD

KAN	KANPA	寒波	a cold wave	[宀 house 107R]
samu.	samu.i	寒い	cold / chilly	[井 well 50KR]
				[冖 low table 921E]

1714 *House, well & low table with ice under it- it's* ***cold!*** [冫 ice 214R]

温 厚 宴 。 跡 恋 蛮

温

WARM

ON	ONDO	温度	temperature	[氵 water 101R]
	ONSEN	温泉	a hot spring / spa	[日 sun 57KR]
atata.	atata.maru	温まる	get warm	[皿 plate 23KR]
	atata.meru	温める	warm up / heat / reheat	
	atata.kai	温かい	warm / mild	

1715 *Water in a sunny plate becomes **warm**.*

厚

1. THICK 2. KIND / CORDIAL

KOO	KOOI	厚意	kindness / courtesy / favour	[厂 cliff 100R]
atsu.	atsu.i	厚い	thick // kind / cordial / warmhearted	[日 sun 57KR]
	atsugami	厚紙	cardboard	[子 child 95KR]

1716 *Cliff with sunny child who is **thick** but **kind** & **cordial**.*

宴

BANQUET [宀 house 107R]

EN	ENKAI	宴会	a banquet / dinner party	[日 sun 57KR]

1717 *House with sunny woman holds a **banquet**.* [女 woman 96KR]

跡

1. MARKS / TRACES 2. RUINS / REMAINS

SEKI	ISEKI	遺跡	ruins / remains (historic)	[足 foot 34KR]
ato	ato	跡	marks / traces // ruins / remains	[赤 red 1702KR]
	ashiato	足跡	a footprint	

1718 *Foot that is short red leaves **marks** among the **ruins**.* Note "short" variant of 赤 .

恋

LOVE

REN	RENAI	恋愛	love	
koi	koi	恋	love	[赤 red 1702KR]
	koibito	恋人	a boyfriend (girlfriend) / lover	[心 heart 61KR]
	koibumi	恋文	a love letter	
koi.	koi.shii	恋しい	dear / sweet / beloved / darling	

1719 *Short red heart is in **love.***

蛮

BARBARIAN

BAN	BANKOO	蛮行	barbarism / brutality	[赤 red 1702KR]
	YABANJIN	野蛮人	a barbarian / savage	[虫 insect 1827KR]

1720 *Short red bug bites BAN the **barbarian.***

香 季 委 。 血 益 塩

香

FRAGRANCE / AROMA

KOO	KOOSUI	香水	perfume	[禾 rice plant 213R]
ka	iroka	色香	colour & fragrance // loveliness / charms	[日 sun 57KR]
kao.	kao.ri	香り	fragrance / aroma	
	kao.ru	香る	smell sweet	

1721 *Rice plant in the sun has a sweet **fragrance** & **aroma**.*

季

SEASON

KI	KISETSU	季節	a season	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	SHIKI	四季	the four seasons	[子 child 95KR]

1722 *Rice plant and child have their **seasons.***

委

ENTRUST

I	ININ suru	委任	entrust / authorize / delegate (authority)	[禾 rice plant 213R]
	IIN	委員	a committee / a committee member	[女 woman 96KR]

1723 *Rice plant and woman who is **entrusted** with it.*

血

BLOOD

KETSU	KETSUEKI	血液	blood	[ノ emphatically 138E]
	KEKKAN	血管	a blood vessel	[皿 plate 23KR]
chi	chi	血	blood	
	hanaji	鼻血	a nosebleed	

1724 KR *Emphatically the plate contains **blood**.* From a depiction of a fluted sacrificial vessel containing blood.

益

PROFIT / ADVANTAGE / USE [冖 low table 921E]

EKI	RIEKI	利益	profits / gains / returns	[皿 plate 23KR]
	YUUEKI na	有益な	useful / beneficial / instructive	

1725 *Reversible low table and plate can be turned to **profit, advantage** & good **use.***

塩

SALT [土 earth 15KR]

EN	ENBUN	塩分	salt content / salinity	[亻 horiz person 805]
	SHOKUEN	食塩	table (common) salt	[口 mouth 85KR]
shio	shio	塩	salt	[皿 plate 23KR]

1726 *Earth that horizontal person puts in his mouth from a plate is really **salt.***

条 降 隆 。 哀 衰 衷

条

JOO

1. ARTICLE / CLAUSE 2. LINE / STRIPE

JOOYAKU	条約	a treaty / an agreeement	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
ICHIJOO	一条	a line / stripe // an article / a clause	[木 tree 70KR]
SEIJOOKI	星条旗	the Stars & Stripes (U.S. flag)	

1727 *Upturned foot in a tree?! Examine every* ***article, clause, line*** *&* ***stripe.***

降

KOO
o.
fu.

1. FALL DOWN / DESCEND 2. GET OFF [阝 hill 185R]

KOOKA	降下	a fall / descent / drop	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
o.riru	降りる	come down / descend // get off (a bus)	[丰 v 止stop (foot) 3KR]
o.rosu	降ろす	bring down / lower // let off (passengers)	
fu.ru	降る	fall (rain, snow)	

1728 *Hill with upturned feet- someone has* ***fallen down*** *after* ***getting off.***

隆

RYUU

1. PROSPERITY 2. HIGH [阝 hill 185R]

RYUUSEI	隆盛	prosperity	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
RYUUKI	隆起	an upheaval / a protuberance	[生 life 700KR]

1729 *Hill where upturned foot and life are* ***prosperous*** *&* ***high.***

哀

AI
awa.

1. PITY / COMPASSION 2. SADNESS / PATHOS [口 mouth 85KR]

AISHUU	哀愁	sadness / sorrow / grief	[衣 clothing 265KR]
awa.re	哀れ	pity / compassion // sadness / pathos	

1730 KR *Mouth and clothing show* ***pity*** *&* ***compassion*** *for a* ***sad*** *&* ***pathetic*** *(event).*
Translation of the evocative Japanese phrase 物の哀れ is left to the reader.

衰

SUI
otoro.

1. GROW WEAK / DECLINE

SUIJAKU suru	衰弱	grow weak / be worn out	[哀 pity 1730KR]
otoro.eru	衰える	grow weak / decline / wane / wither	

1731 *Pity slashed as one* ***grows weak*** *&* ***declines.***

衷

CHUU

INNER FEELINGS

CHUUSHIN	衷心	one's inmost feelings	[中 middle 155KR]
SETCHUU suru	折衷	work out a compromise	[衣 clothing 265KR]

1732 *Middle clothing reveals one's* ***inner feelings.***

仰 抑 迎 。 鬼 塊 魂

仰

1. LOOK UP 2. RESPECT [亻 person 154R]

GYOO	GYOOTEN suru	仰天	be surprized (startled, amazed)	[𠂉 dominant pe 1608E]
KOO	SHINKOO	信仰	faith / belief / religious conviction	[卩 bowing pers 706E]
ao.	ao.gu	仰ぐ	look up at (the sky) // look up to / respect	

1733 *Person, dominant person & bowing person, who **looks up** with **respect**.*

抑

HOLD DOWN / SUPPRESS

YOKU	YOKUSEI	抑制	control / suppression / constraint	[扌 hand 122R]
osa.	osa.eru	抑さえる	hold down / suppress (a rebellion) // restrain / check / hold back (a yawn, tears)	

1734 *Hand of dominant person on bowing person **holds him down** to **suppress** him.*

迎

GO TO MEET / WELCOME / INVITE / SEND FOR [辶 movement 178R]

GEI	KANGEI	歓迎	a welcome / a reception
muka.	muka.eru	迎える	go to meet (welcome, greet) // invite / send for (the doctor)
	demukae	出迎え	meeting someone on arrival (at the airport, station)

1735 *Movement of dominant person & bowing person as one **goes to meet** the other.*

鬼

DEMON / OGRE / DEVIL [ノ emphatically 138E]

KI	GAKI	餓鬼	a hungry ghost // a brat / an urchin	[由 death-mask]
oni	oni	鬼	demon / ogre / devil	[儿 legs 302R]
	onibaba	鬼婆	a witch / hag	[厶 nose 502E]

1736 KR *Emphatically, death-mask with legs and a nose looks like a **demon**!* From a pictograph of a person wearing a death-mask, worn in a religious ritual during which contact was made with the souls of the dead.

塊

LUMP / CLOD / MASS

KAI	DOKAI	土塊	a clod of dirt	[土 earth 15KR]
katamari	katamari	塊	a lump / clod / mass	[鬼 demon 1736KR]

1737 *Earth by the demon is a **lump.***

魂

SOUL / SPIRIT

KON	REIKON	霊魂	the soul	[云 mist 114E]
tamashii	tamashii	魂	a soul / spirit	[鬼 demon 1736KR]

1738 *Mist by the demon is its **soul** & **spirit**.*

追 帥 師 。有 賄 堕

追

TSUI **o.**

1. DRIVE AWAY / EXPEL 2. PURSUE / CHASE

TSUIHOO suru	追放	banish / exile / expel / deport	[辶 movement 178R]
TSUISEKI suru	追跡	pursue / chase / track (game, a fugitive)	[ノ emphatically 138E]
o.u	追う	drive away / expel // pursue / chase	[呂 bum 594E]

1739 *Movement emphatically of bum as someone is* ***driven away*** *&* ***pursued.***

帥

SUI

COMMANDER [ノ emphatically 138E]

SOOSUI	総帥	the commander-in-chief	[*v.s.* bum 594E]
TOOSUI	統帥	supreme (high) command	[巾 cloth 120NJY]

1740 *Emphatically, bum with a cloth (banner) is the* ***commander.***

師

SHI

1. TEACHER 2. ARMY

KYOOSHI	教師	a teacher	[帥 commander 1740]
SHIDAN	師団	an army division	[一 stick]

1741 *Commander with a stick is a* ***teacher*** *in the* ***army.***

有

YUU **U** **a.**

1. EXIST / BE 2. HAVE

YUUMEI na	有名な	famous	[ナ hand]
UMU	有無	existence // yes or no	[月 body 144R]
a.ru	有る	exist / be // have	

1742 KR *Hand and body* ***exist*** *because I* ***have*** *them.*

賄

WAI **makana.**

1. BRIBE 2. PROVIDE BOARD 3. SUPPLY / PAY

SHUUWAI	収賄	accepting a bribe / graft	[貝 money 91KR]
ZOOWAI	贈賄	offering a bribe / bribery	[有 exists 1742KR]
makana.u	賄う	provide board // supply / pay / finance	

1743 *Money exists for* ***bribes*** *& to* ***provide board*** *so* ***supply*** *me with some.*

堕

DA

FALL / DEGENERATE

DARAKU	堕落	depravity / corruption / degeneration	[阝 hill 185R]
DATAI	堕胎	abortion	[有 exists 1742KR]
			[土 earth 15KR]

1744 *Hill exists on earth but it has* ***fallen*** *&* ***degenerated.***

恒 垣 宣 。辛 辞 宰

恒

KOO

ALWAYS / CONSTANT

KOOKYUU no	恒久の	permanent / eternal	[忄 feelings 133R]
KOOREI	恒例	a usual practice / custom	[日 sunrise 548E]

1745 *Feelings from sunrise to sunset are **always constant**.* [旦 sunset]

垣

kaki

FENCE / HEDGE

kaki	垣	a fence / hedge	[土 earth 15KR]
takegaki	竹垣	a bamboo fence	

1746 *Earth from sunrise to sunset makes a good **fence.***

宣

SEN

ANNOUNCE / PROCLAIM

SENDEN	宣伝	propaganda // publicity // advertising	[宀 house 107R]
SENKYOOSHI	宣教師	a missionary	

1747 *House from sunrise to sunset **announces** & **proclaims**...*

辛

SHIN
kara.

1. PAINFUL / TRYING 2. HOT & SPICY 3. SALTY

SHINKU	辛苦	hardships / toil / pain
kara.i	辛い	hot & spicy // salty

1748 KR *From a pictograph of a tattooist's needle* 𠂇 *or a type of needle used in torture, and used on prisoners & slaves who were both tattooed & tortured, undoubtedly **painful** & **trying** experiences.* The element ▽ appears to be the same symbol for sharp & tapering seen in 刺 1672 but now rendered by 立 in 辛.

辞

JI
ya.

1. WORD 2. QUIT / RESIGN

JISHO	辞書	a dictionary	[舌 tongue 979KR]
JITEN	辞典	a dictionary	[辛 painful 1748KR]
JISHOKU	辞職	resignation	
ya.meru	辞める	quit / resign	

1749 *Tongue is painful after saying the **words "I quit".***

宰

SAI

ADMINISTER / RULE

SAISHOO	宰相	prime minister / premier	[宀 house 107R]
SHUSAI suru	主宰	superintend / supervise / preside over / edit (a newspaper, journal)	[辛 painful 1748KR]

1750 *House that is painful **administers** & **rules**.*

走 徒 赴 。累 索 素

走

SOO
hashi.

RUN

KYOOSOO	競走	a race	[土 earth 15KR]
hashi.ru	走る	run	[足 foot 34KR]
hashiri	走り	the first of the season (asparagus)	

1751 KR *Earth is where foot **runs**.* Note variant of 足 .

徒

TO

1. ON FOOT 2. COMPANIONS 3. USELESS / IN VAIN

TOHO de	徒歩で	on foot	
SEITO	生徒	a pupil / student	[彳 go 482R]
TOROO	徒労	lost labour / vain effort	[走 run 1751KR]

1752 *Go run **on foot** with **companions** who are **useless.***

赴

FU
omomu.

1. PROCEED / GO 2. BECOME

FUNIN suru	赴任	proceed to one's new post	[走 run 1751KR]
omomu.ku	赴く	proceed / go // become	[卜 divine 653NJY]

1753 *To run is divine so **proceed** & **become** (fitter).*

累

RUI

1. ACCUMULATE 2. INVOLVEMENT / TROUBLE [田 field 16KR]

RUISEKI suru	累積	accumulate	[糸 thread 78KR]
KEIRUI	係累	family ties / dependents	

1754 *Field with threads that **accumulate** & that means **involvement** & **trouble**.*

索

SAKU

1. ROPE / CORD 2. SEARCH FOR [宀 twisting device]

SAKUJOO	索条	rope / cable	[糸 thread 78KR]
SAKUIN	索引	an index	

1755 *Twisting device and thread to make **rope** to **search for** them.*

素

SO
SU

1. ELEMENT 2. UNCOVERED / NAKED 3. SIMPLE

GENSO	元素	an element (in chemistry)	[主 growing plant 389E]
SUISO	水素	hydrogen	[糸 thread 78KR]
SUashi	素足	bare feet	
SUbarashi	素晴らしい	wonderful / splendid / magnificent	

1756 *Growing plant is thread-like because it lacks **elements**, so keep it **uncovered** & **simple.***

敗 買 負 。 看 拝 呼

敗

DEFEAT

HAI	HAIBOKU	敗北	defeat	[貝 money 91KR]
	SHIPPAI	失敗	failure	[攵 strike 200R]
yabu.	yabu.reru	敗れる	be defeated / beaten	

1757 *Money strikes- it's a **defeat.***

買

BUY

BAI	BAISHUU	買収	buying / purchase	[罒 simple net 1047E]
ka.	ka.u	買う	buy	[貝 money 91KR]
	kaimono	買い物	shopping	

1758 *Net money then **buy** something.*

負

1. BE DEFEATED 2. BEAR / CARRY 3. OWE 4. NEGATIVE

FU	SHOOBU	勝負	victory or defeat // a match / game	[勹 bending per 476E]
	FUTAN	負担	a burden / load / responsibility / liability	[貝 money 91KR]
	FUGOO	負号	a minus sign / (-)	
ma.	ma.keru	負ける	be defeated / be inferior to // discount (price)	
	ma.kasu	負かす	defeat	
o.	o.u	負う	bear (carry) on one's back // bear / undertake / shoulder (responsibility) // owe // sustain (injury)	

1759 *Bending person with money has been **defeated** and must **bear** responsibility for what he **owes** in the **negative.***

看

WATCH

KAN	KANBAN	看板	a billboard / signboard / poster / sign	[手 hand 33KR]
	KANGOFU	看護婦	a nurse	[目 eye 86KR]

1760 *Hand above eye to **watch.***

拝

PRAY / VENERATE

HAI	REIHAI	礼拝	worship / church service	[扌 hand 122R]
	HAIKEN	拝見	see / have a look	
oga.	oga.mu	拝む	pray / worship // see / look at reverently	

1761 *Hand with many-leaved plant offers it during **prayer**.*

呼

CALL / SEND FOR / INVITE

KO	KOKYUU	呼吸	breathing	[口 mouth 85KR]
yo.	yo.bu	呼ぶ	call / send for // invite // name	[手 hand 33KR]

1762 *Mouth and cupped hand **call for** (a taxi).* Note variant of 手 .

妥 桜 接 。 庶 遮 席

妥

DA

PEACE / CONTENTMENT [爫 hand re down 340E]

DAKETSU	妥結	an agreement	[女 woman 96KR]
DAKYOO	妥協	a compromise	

1763 *Hand reaching down to woman brings* ***peace*** *&* ***contentment****.*

桜

OO
sakura

CHERRY TREE

OOTOO	桜桃	a cherry	
sakura	桜	a cherry tree / cherry blossoms	[木 tree 70KR]

1764 *Tree like a woman with a fancy hairdo is a* ***cherry****.* [女 woman 96KR]

接

SETSU
tsu.

1. CONTACT / TOUCH 2. JOIN TOGETHER [扌 hand 122R]

SETSUZOKU	接続	connection / junction / contact	[立 stand up 25KR]
CHOKUSETSU	直接	direct	[女 woman 96KR]
KANSETSU	間接	indirect	
tsu.gu	接ぐ	join (A to B) / set (a broken bone) / glue	

1765 *Hand on standing woman makes* ***contact*** *& now they are* ***joined together.***

庶

SHO

1. ALL 2. ILLEGITIMATE [广 building 186R]

SHOMIN	庶民	the masses	[廿 various obj 1609E]
SHOMU	庶務	general affairs	[灬 fire 402R]
SHOSHI	庶子	an illegitimate child	

1766 KR *Building with various objects on the fire-* ***all*** *of them are* ***illegitimate****.*

遮

SHA
saegi.

INTERRUPT / OBSTRUCT / BLOCK

SHADAN suru	遮断	cut off (from) / isolate / intercept	[辶 movement 178R]
SHADANKI	遮断機	a railroad crossing gate	[庶 all 1766KR]
saegi.ru	遮る	interrupt / obstruct / block / butt in	

1767 *Movement of all will* ***interrupt, obstruct*** *&* ***block****.*

席

SEKI

SEAT

SEKI	席	a seat / place	[广 building 186R]
SHUSSEKI	出席	attendance	[廿 various obj 1609E]
KESSEKI	欠席	non-attendance / absence	[巾 cloth 120NJY]

1768 *Building with various objects made of cloth- they're* ***seats.***

券　　巻　　圏

券

KEN

1. TICKET / PASS　2. CERTIFICATE

KEN	券	a ticket	[丶' out of 278E]
TEIKIKEN	定期券	a commuter pass	[天 heaven 79KR]
RYOKEN	旅券	a passport	[刀 sword 7KR]
SHOOKEN	証券	a bond / securities	

1769 *Out of heaven with a sword- that's the **ticket**!*

Note variant of 天 also seen in 謄 480, 騰 481 and 勝 481b. To get 券 and 勝 right, remember that a ticket can be cut with a sword.

1770 has been moved and appears elsewhere.

巻

KAN
maki
ma.

1. ROLL　2. VOLUME

DAINIKAN	第二巻	Volume Two	[丶' out of 278E]
maki	巻	a roll (of cloth) // a volume	[天 heaven 79KR]
ma.ku	巻く	wind / roll / coil	[己 self 755KR]
hamaki	葉巻	a cigar	

1771 KR *Out of heaven itself came a **roll** that was **Volume** (Two).*

圏

KEN

RANGE / CIRCLE / SPHERE

KENNAI ni	圏内に	within the range of	[口 enclosure 567KR]
KENGAI ni	圏外に	outside the range of	[巻 roll 1771KR]
HOKKYOKUKEN	北極圏	the Arctic Circle	
NANKYOKUKEN	南極圏	the Antarctic Circle	

1772 *Enclosed roll is within the **range, circle** & **sphere** (of influence).*

好　字　猛　浮

好

LIKE

KOO	KOOBUTSU	好物	a favorite dish (food)	[女 woman 96KR]
su.	su.ku	好く	like / be fond of	[子 child 95KR]
	DAI suki	大好き	like very much	
kono.	kono.mu	好む	like / be fond of / prefer	

1773 *Woman and child **like** (each other).* Perhaps the most **likeable** ideograph of all.

字

1. CHARACTER / LETTER　2. SECTION (OF A VILLAGE)

JI	KANJI	漢字	a Chinese character	[宀 house 107R]
	rooma JI	ローマ字	roman letters	[子 child 95KR]
	JUUJI	十字	a cross	
aza	aza	字	a section (of a village)	

1774 *House with children as numerous as **characters** or **letters** in a **section.***

猛

FIERCE / RAGING　[犭 animal 150R]

MOO	MOORETSU na	猛烈な	violent / fierce / heavy (rain)	[子 child 95KR]
	MOOKEN	猛犬	a fierce (vicious, ferocious) dog	[皿 plate 23KR]

1775 *Animal and child at the same dish- a **fierce** & **raging** (scene).*

浮

FLOAT

FU	FURYOKU	浮力	buoyancy	[氵 water 101R]
u.	u.ku	浮く	float / rise to the surface	[爪 hand re down 340E]
			// become cheered up	[子 child 95KR]
	u.kareru	浮かれる	be in high spirits / feel buoyant	
	u.kabu	浮かぶ	float // cross one's mind / occur to one	
	u.kaberu	浮かべる	set afloat / launch // call to mind / recall	
	ukiyoe	浮世絵	a Japanese woodblock print	

1776 *Water with hand reaching down to child who is **floating**.*

見　現　視　寛

見

1. SEE　2. SHOW

KEN	KENBUTSU	見物	sight-seeing	
	HAKKEN	発見	a discovery	[目 eye 86KR]
	IKEN	意見	an opinion / a point of view	[儿 legs 302R]
mi.	mi.ru	見る	see	
	mi.eru	見える	be visible / be in sight	
	mi.seru	見せる	show / let a person look at	

1777 KR *Eye with legs **sees** if you **show** it.*

現

1. THE PRESENT　2. APPEAR　3. REVEAL / SHOW / EXPRESS

GEN	GENDAI	現代	contemporary / modern	
	GENJITSU	現実	actuality / reality / the realities (of life)	
ara.	ara.wareru	現われる	appear / turn up // become known // be expressed	[王 king 64KR] [見 see 1777KR]
	ara.wasu	表わす	reveal / show / express	

1778 *King sees the **present** as it **appears** and will **reveal** his plans.*

視

SEE

SHI	SHIRYOKU	視力	eyesight / vision	[ネ altar 330R]
	SHIKAI	視界	field of vision / visibility	[見 see 1777KR]
	KINSHI	近視	nearsightedness	

1779 *Altar **sees**.*

寛

MAGNANIMOUS / TOLERANT　[宀 house 107R]

KAN	KANDAI na	寛大な	magnanimous / tolerant / lenient	[艹 plant 99R]
	KAN'YOO	寛容	tolerance / liberality / magnanimity	[見 see 1777KR]

1780 *House with plants to see has a **magnanimous** & **tolerant** (owner).*

旧　児　陥　稲

旧

OLD / FORMER

KYUU	KYUUSEI	旧姓	one's former (maiden) name	[日 sun (day) 57KR]
	KYUUSHIKI	旧式	old-fashioned / out of date	

1781 KR *One day **old.***

児

CHILD / INFANT

JI	JIDOO	児童	child / juvenile	[旧 old 1781KR]
	IKUJI	育児	childcare / child rearing	[儿 legs 302R]
NI	SHOONI	小児	a child / an infant	

1782 *Old legs on a **child**?!*

陥

1. FALL / COLLAPSE　2. ENTRAP / CAPTURE

KAN	KANBOTSU	陥没	a cave-in	[阝 hill 185R]
	KANRAKU	陥落	a fall / cave-in // a surrender	[夕 bending pers 476E]
ochii.	ochii.ru	陥る	fall into (a trap, difficulties) // fall // lapse into (idleness)	[旧 old 1781KR]
otoshii.	otoshii.reru	陥れる	entrap / entice / capture	

1783 *Hill and bending person are old and may **fall** or **collapse** if **entrapped** & **captured.***

稲

RICE PLANT

TOO	SUITOO	水稲	paddy rice	[禾 rice plant 213R]
ine	ine	稲	rice plant	[爪 hand re down 340E]
ina-	inaSAKU	稲作	the rice crop	[旧 old 1781KR]

1784 *Rice plant (picked) by hand reaching down is an old **rice plant.***

単　弾　禅　戦

単

TAN

1. SIMPLE　2. SINGLE / UNIT

TANJUN na	単純な	simple // simple-minded / unsophisticated	
TAN'I	単位	a unit // a credit (academic)	[⺍ light 947E]
TAN'ITSU no	単一の	single / sole / individual	[田 field 16KR]
KANTAN na	簡単な	brief / simple / plain	[十 ten 52KR]

1785 KR *Light on field with ten **simple, single units**.*

弾

DAN
tama
hi.
hazu.

1. BULLET　2. PLAY (A STRING INSTRUMENT)　3. BOUNCE

DAN'YAKU	弾薬	ammunition	
DANRYOKU	弾力	elasticity	[弓 bow 81KR]
tama	弾	a bullet / shell / projectile	[単 simple 1785KR]
hi.ku	弾く	play (piano, guitar)	
hazu.mu	弾む	bounce // cheer up // splurge / treat	

1786 *Bow is simple- it has no **bullet** & you can **play** it or **bounce** it.*

禅

ZEN

ZEN BUDDHISM

ZENSHUU	禅宗	the Zen sect	[ネ altar 330R]
ZENdera	禅寺	a Zen temple	[単 simple 1785KR]
ZAZEN	坐禅	Zen meditation (while sitting)	

1787 *Altar is simple for **Zen**.*

戦

SEN
tataka.
ikusa

1. WAGE WAR　2. FIGHT

SENSOO	戦争	war	
SENGO	戦後	postwar	
SENJOO	戦場	a battlefield / the front	[単 simple 1785KR]
NAISEN	内戦	civil war	[戈 lance 419R]
tataka.u	戦う	fight // wage war	
ikusa	戦	war / battle	

1788 *Simple lance for **waging war** & **fighting.***

投　設　殺　没

投

THROW

TOO	TOOSHU	投手	a pitcher (baseball)	[扌 hand 122R]
	TOOHYOO	投票	voting	[儿 weapon 961E]
	TOOSHO	投書	a letter to the editor	[又 hand 295R]
na.	na.geru	投げる	throw	

1789 *Hand with a weapon in hand **throws** it.*

設

1. ESTABLISH / SET UP　2. PREPARE / ARRANGE

SETSU	SETSURITSU	設立	establishment / founding	[言 word 35KR]
	SETTEI suru	設定	establish / set up	[儿 weapon 961E]
moo.	moo.keru	設ける	prepare / arrange / get ready // establish / set up // have a child	[又 hand 295R]

1790 *Words with weapon in hand can **establish** (an army) and **prepare** it for action.*

殺

KILL

SATSU	JISATSU	自殺	suicide	[木 tree 70KR]
	ANSATSU	暗殺	assassination	[儿 weapon 961E]
koro.	koro.su	殺す	kill	[又 hand 295R]

1791 *X marks the tree where weapon in hand **killed** (the victim).*

没

SINK / GO DOWN

BOTSU	BOTSURAKU	没落	downfall / ruin / bankruptcy	[氵 water 101R]
	BOSsuru	没する	sink / go down / set // hide // disappear // die	[儿 weapon 961E] [又 hand 295R]
	BOTTOO suru	没頭	be absorbed (immersed, engrossed) in	

1792 *Water and weapon in hand will make you **sink.***

色　絶　把　肥

色

1. COLOUR　2. EROTIC PASSION

SHOKU	GENSHOKU	原色	a pimary colour	[ク bending pers 476E]
	KOOSHOKU	好色	lust / sensuality / eroticism	[巴 v 卩 slump p 873E]
SHIKI	SHIKISO	色素	a pigment	
iro	iro	色	colour	
	iroKE	色気	erotic (amorous) passion / sex appeal	

1793 KR *Bending person and slumped person are engaged in* ***colourful erotic passion****.*

絶

1. BE BEYOND　2. DIE OUT / END　3. CUT OFF　4. ERADICATE

ZETSU	ZESsuru	絶する	be beyond (words, description)	
	ZETSUBOO	絶望	despair	
ta.	ta.eru	絶える	die out / end / become extinct / cease	
	ta.tsu	絶つ	cut off // interrupt // break off with // abstain from	[糸 thread 78KR] [色 colour 1793KR]
	ta.yasu	絶やす	eradicate / put an end to / kill off	

1794 *Threads that are coloured* ***are beyond*** *so they* ***die out*** *&* *are* ***cut off*** *&* ***eradicated.***

把

1. GRASP　2. COUNTER FOR BUNDLES

HA	HAAKU suru	把握	grasp / take hold of // comprehend	[扌 hand 122R]
-wa	ichiwa	一把	one bundle	[巴 v 卩 slump p 873E]

1795 *Hand of slumped person* ***grasps*** *one* ***bundle.***

肥

1. MANURE / FERTILIZER　2. GROW FAT

HI	HIRYOO	肥料	manure / fertilizer	
	HIMAN suru	肥満	grow fat	[月 body 144R]
koe	koe	肥	manure / night soil	[巴 v 卩 slump p 873E]
ko.	ko.yasu	肥やす	fertilize / enrich / fatten	
	ko.yashi	肥やし	manure / fertilizer	
	ko.eru	肥える	grow fat / put on weight	

1796 *Body of slumped person produces* ***manure*** *&* ***fertilizer*** *and* ***grows fat.***

右　若　諾　匿

右

RIGHT

U	UHA no	右派の	right-wing / rightist	
YUU	SAYUU	左右	left & right	[ナ hand 779]
migi	migi	右	right	[口 mouth 85KR]
	migite	右手	right hand / on the right	

1797 KR *Hand that feeds the mouth is the **right.***

若

1. YOUNG　3. A FEW　3. OR

JAKU	JAKUHAI	若輩	a young fellow / a stripling	
	JAKKAN	若干	some / a little / a few	[艹 plant 99R]
NYAKU	ROONYAKU	老若	the old and the young	[右 right 1797KR]
waka.	waka.i	若い	young	
mo.	mo.shiku wa	若しくは	or / or else / either...or / otherwise	

1798 KR *Plant on the right is **young** and there are **a few or**...*The phrase ROONYAKU NANNYO 老若男女 , meaning regardless of age or sex, is common.

諾

CONSENT / AGREE TO

DAKU	KAIDAKU suru	快諾	consent readily to	[言 word 35KR]
	NAIDAKU	内諾	informal consent	[若 young 1798KR]

1799 *Words to the young: we **consent** & **agree to** (your marriage).*

匿

CONCEAL

TOKU	TOKUMEI no	匿名の	anonymous	[匚 box 962R]
	INTOKU suru	隠匿	hide / conceal (a fugitive)	[若 young 1798KR]

1800 *Box with a young (person) in it, who is **concealed.***

羽　習　翌　飛

羽

1. WINGS / FEATHERS　2. COUNTER FOR BIRDS

U	UMOO	羽毛	feathers / plumage
ha	ichiwa	一羽	one bird
hane	hane	羽	a feather / plumage / a wing
	Haneda	羽田	Haneda (airport in Tokyo)

1801 KR *Pictograph of a bird's* ***wings.***

習

1. LEARN　2. CUSTOM / TRADITION

SHUU	GAKUSHUU	学習	learning / study	[羽 wings 1801KR]
	RENSHUU	練習	practice / drill	[白 white 179KR]
	SHUUKAN	習慣	a habit / practice / custom / usage	
nara.	nara.u	習う	learn	
	minarai	見習い	apprenticeship / an apprentice	

1802 *Wings are white because it is still* ***learning custom*** *&* ***tradition****.*

翌

NEXT (IN TIME)

YOKU	YOKUJITSU	翌日	the next day / the following day	[羽 wings 1801KR]
	YOKUNEN	翌年	next year	[立 stand up 25KR]

1803 *Wings stand up- it will fly* ***next.***

飛

FLY

HI	HIKOOKI	飛行機	an airplane	[亻 person 154R]
	HIKOOJOO	飛行場	an airport	
to.	to.bu	飛ぶ	fly // skip	
	to.basu	飛ばす	fly (a kite) // blow off (a hat) // splash / splatter // drive at full speed // skip over / omit	

1804 *Person with a staff (watches) two long-necked cranes* ***flying****.* Remember the element 𠂉 as a long-necked crane in **flight.**

豚　逐　塚　豪

豚

PIG / PORK

TON	TONkatsu	豚カツ	a pork cutlet	[月 body 144R]
buta	buta	豚	a pig / swine / boar / sow / hog	[豕 pig 867NJY]
	butaniku	豚肉	pork	

1805 *Body of a **pig** is **pork**.*

逐

DRIVE AWAY / PURSUE

CHIKU	CHIKUGOYAKU	逐語訳	a word-for-word (literal) translation	[辶 movement 178R]
	CHIKUJI	逐次	one by one / one after another	[豕 pig 867NJY]
	KUCHIKU suru	駆逐	drive away / expel / oust	

1806 *Movement of pig as you **drive it away** & **pursue** it.*

塚

MOUND / TUMULUS

tsuka	tsuka	塚	a mound / tumulus	[土 earth 15KR]
	arizuka	あり塚	an ant hill	[冖 cover 247R]
	kaizuka	貝塚	a shell mound / kitchen midden	[豕 pig 867NJY]

1807 *Earth that covers a pig is a **mound** or **tumulus**.*

豪

1. MAGNIFICENCE / SPLENDOR　2. STRENGTH / POWER　3. ABBR. FOR AUSTRALIA

GOO	GOOSOO na	豪壮な	magnificent / grand	
	GOOKA na	豪華な	gorgeous / splendid / de luxe	[高 tall 216KR]
	GOOU	豪雨	a torrential downpour	[豕 pig 867NJY]
	GOOSHUU	豪州	Australia	

1808 *Tall pig has **magnificence** and **strength** in **Australia**.*

朽　号　極　誇　汚

朽

ROT / DECAY

KYUU	FUKYUU	不朽	immortal / eternal	[木 tree 70KR]
	ROOKYUU	老朽	senescence / decrepitude	[丂 twist w wee 199CO]
ku.	ku.chiru	朽ちる	rot / decay	

1809 *Tree and twisting waterweed* ***rot*** *&* ***decay****.*

号

1. NUMBER　2. SIGNAL / SIGN　3. NAME　4. CRY OUT

GOO	BANGOO	番号	a number	
	SHINGOO	信号	a signal // a traffic light	[口 mouth 85KR]
	TOOGOO	等号	the equal sign / =	[*v.s.* twist w wee 199CO]
	SHOOGOO	商号	a corporate (trade) name	
	DOGOO	怒号	an angry roar	

1810 *Mouth like a twisting waterweed* ***cries out numbers, signals, signs*** *&* ***names.***

極

1. POLE / END　2. VERY / EXTREME

KYOKU	HOKKYOKU	北極	the North Pole	[木 tree 70KR]
	NANKYOKU	南極	the South Pole	[*v s* twist w wee 199CO]
	KYOKUTAN na	極端	extreme / excessive / radical	[口 hole]
GOKU	GOKUHI	極秘	top secret	[又 hand 295R]
kiwa.	kiwa.maru	極まる	reach an extreme / come to an end	
	kiwa.meru	極める	go to extremes // attain (one's aims) // reach (the summit)	

1811 *Tree and twisting waterweed: try to pull it through the hole with your hand from the bottom at the* ***poles*** *or* ***very extreme end.***

誇

BOAST / BE PROUD OF

KO	KOCHOO	誇張	an exaggeration	[言 word 35KR]
	KOJI suru	誇示	show off / flaunt	[大 big 1KR]
hoko.	hoko.ru	誇る	boast / be proud of / take pride in	[*v.s.* twist w wee 199CO]

1812 *Words, like a big double twisting waterweed,* ***boast.***

汚

DIRTY

O	OBUTSU	汚物	filth / dirt // sewage	[氵 water 101R]
	OSHOKU	汚職	corruption / bribery	[*v.s.* twist w wee 199CO]
kitana.	kitana.i	汚い	dirty / filthy / unclean / soiled	
yogo.	yogo.reru	汚れる	become dirty / filthy / be soiled / stained	
	yogo.su	汚す	stain / soil / contaminate / blot	
kega.	kega.reru	汚れる	be defiled / polluted / stained	
	kega.su	汚す	make dirty / stain / soil / foul / defile // dishonour	
	kega.rawashii	汚らわしい	filthy / dirty / unclean / nasty / disgusting	

1813 *Water with double twisting waterweed is* ***dirty.***

今 琴 吟 念 含 陰

今

KON

NOW

	KONNICHI	今日	today	
	KYOO*	今日	today	[亼 lid 227R]
	KONDO	今度	this time / now / next time	[冖 corner]
	kotoshi*	今年	this year	
ima	ima	今	now	

1814 KR *Lid on the corner* ***now.***

琴

KIN
koto

A 'KOTO' (JAPANESE HARP)

	KINSEN	琴線	heartstrings	[今 now 1814KR]
	koto	琴	a 'koto' / Japanese harp	

1815 *Strings now on the* ***koto.***

吟

GIN

SING / CHANT / RECITE

GINjiru	吟じる	sing / chant / recite / hum	[口 mouth 85KR]
DOKUGIN	独吟	a vocal solo	[今 now 1814KR]

1816 *Mouth now will* ***sing, chant*** *&* ***recite.***

念

NEN

1. THOUGHT / IDEA / FEELING 2. DESIRE 3. CARE / CONCERN

NEN	念	thought / idea / feeling // desire // care / concern	
NENGAN	念願	one's heart's desire (fondest wish)	
NEN'IRI na	念入り	careful / conscientious	[心 heart 61KR]

1817 *Now heart has* ***thoughts, ideas, feelings, desires, cares*** *&* ***concerns.***

含

GAN
fuku.

1. CONTAIN / HOLD / INCLUDE 2. BEAR IN MIND 3. GIVE INSTRUCTIONS

GAN'YUU suru	含有	contain / hold / have	
fuku.mu	含む	hold (keep) in one's mouth // contain / hold / include // bear in mind	[今 now 1814KR] [口 mouth 85KR]
fuku.meru	含める	include // give instructions	

1818 *Now mouth* ***contains*** *(a lot) so* ***bear it in mind*** *when* ***giving instructions.***

陰

IN
kage
kage.

1. HIDDEN / SECRET 2. NEGATIVE 3. SHADE

INBOO	陰謀	a plot / conspiracy	[阝 hill 185R]
INSEI	陰性	negative // gloomy // dormant	[今 now 1814KR]
kage	陰	the shade // in secret / in private	[云 mist 114E]
kage.ru	陰る	get dark (clouded)	

1819 *Hill now in mist- it's* ***hidden, secret, negative*** *&* *in the* ***shade.***

引　強　湾 。。。

引

PULL / DRAW

IN	INRYOKU	引力	gravitation // attraction	[弓 bow 81KR]
hi.	hi.keru	引ける	close (at 9 PM) // be over / break up	
	hi.ku	引く	pull / draw	
	hikidashi	引き出し	a drawer	
	torihiki	取引	transactions / business / trade	

1820 *Bow and string-* ***pull*** *it.* There are some 12 additional meanings for 引く to be found in the dictionary.

強

STRONG

KYOO	KYOOFUU	強風	a strong (high) wind / gale	
GOO	GOOIN ni	強引に	by force / forcibly	[弓 bow 81KR]
tsuyo.	tsuyo.i	強い	strong / powerful / mighty	[厶 nose 502E]
	tsuyo.maru	強まる	become (grow) strong	[虫 insect 1827KR]
	tsuyo.meru	強める	make strong / strengthen / emphasize	
shi.	shi.iru	強いる	compel / force	

1821 *Bow and nose(y) insect are* ***strong.*** The character originally referred to the horsefly, a large, strong insect.

湾

BAY / GULF [氵 water 101R]

WAN	TOOKYOOWAN	東京湾	Tokyo Bay	[赤 red 1702KR]
	TAIWAN	台湾	Taiwan	[弓 bow 81KR]
	Mekishiko WAN	メキシコ湾	the Gulf of Mexico	

1822 *Water and a short red bow in the* ***bay.***

○ ○ ○ 弔 沸 費 弱

弔

MOURN / CONDOLE

CHOO	CHOOI	弔慰	condolences / sympathy	[弓 bow 81KR]
	CHOOJI	弔辞	words of condolence	
tomura.	tomura.i	弔い	a funeral / burial	
	tomura.u	弔う	condole / mourn / pray for	

1823 *Single stringed bow-* ***mourn*** *(for the dead).* In fact, 弔 is an ideograph showing a snake coiled around a person- a reason to **mourn.**

沸

BOIL / SEETHE

FUTSU	FUTTOO suru	沸騰	something boils (seethes, becomes excited)	
wa.	wa.ku	沸く	" " "	[氵 water 101R]
	wa.kasu	沸かす	boil (water)	[弓 bow 81KR]

1824 *Water is like a double stringed bow when it* ***boils*** *&* ***seethes****.*

費

1. SPEND 2. USE UP / CONSUME 3. WASTE / SQUANDER

HI	KOONETSUHI	光熱費	lighting & heating expenses	[弓 bow 81KR]
	SEIKATSUHI	生活費	the cost of living	[貝 money 91KR]
	SHOOHI suru	消費	consume / spend / expend	
tsui.	tsui.yasu	費やす	spend // use up / consume // waste / squander	

1825 *Double stringed bow (costs) money- if you* ***spend*** *it, you'll* ***use it up*** *&* ***waste*** *it.*

弱

1. WEAK 2. UNDER / LESS THAN

JAKU	JAKUTEN	弱点	a weak point / a shortcoming	
	JAKUTAI no	弱体の	weak / effete	
-JAKU	10 kiro JAKU	十キロ弱	a little under 10 kilometres	[弓 bow 81KR]
yowa.	yowa.i	弱い	weak / delicate / frail	[冫 ice 214R]
	yowamushi	弱虫	a weakling / a sissy	
	yowa.ru	弱る	grow weak / weaken (health, strength) // be perplexed	
	yowa.maru	弱まる	grow weak / weaken (wind, fire)	
	yowa.meru	弱める	make weak(er) / enfeeble	

1826 *Double iced bows are* ***weak****.*

虫 蛇 蚊 蚕 . . .

虫

INSECT / BUG / WORM

CHUU	KONCHUU	昆虫	an insect / a bug
mushi	mushi	虫	an insect / bug / worm / larva
	kemushi	毛虫	a caterpillar
	mushiba	虫歯	a decayed tooth / a cavity*
	nakimushi	泣き虫	a crybaby*

1827 KR ***Insect*** *has a carapace* 口 *and an abdomen with a stinger* 亠 . *Japanese has many compelling phrases and expressions using 虫 such as 虫歯 and 泣き虫.

蛇

SNAKE

JA	JAguchi	蛇口	a faucet / tap	[虫 insect 1827KR]
DA	DAKOO suru	蛇行する	meander / zigzag / fishtail	[宀 house 107R]
	DASOKU no	蛇足の	superfluous / redundant	[匕 seated pers 121R]
hebi	hebi	蛇	a snake / serpent	

1828 *Insect by the house with a seated person is really a* ***snake.***

蚊

MOSQUITO

ka	ka	蚊	a mosquito	[虫 insect 1827KR]
	kaya*	蚊帳	a mosquito net	[文 writing 600KR]

1829 *Insect writing is about a* ***mosquito.*** It is a good idea to buy katori SENKOO 蚊取り線香 (a mosquito 'coil' that releases an insecticide when burned or heated) if you are living in Japan in summer.

蚕

SILKWORM

SAN	SANGYOO	蚕業	sericulture	
	YOOSAN	養蚕	sericulture	[天 heaven 79KR]
kaiko	kaiko	蚕	a silkworm	[虫 insect 1827KR]

1830 *Heaven's insect is the* ***silkworm.***

。。。独　風　濁。壱

独

1. ALONE　2. ABBREVIATION FOR GERMANY

DOKU	DOKURITSU	独立	independence	[犭 animal 150R]
	DOKUSHIN	独身	unmarried / single	[虫 insect 1827KR]
	DOKUEI	独英	Anglo-German	
hito.	hito.ri	独り	alone	

1831 *Animal with an insect is **alone** in **Germany**.*

風

1. WIND　2. STYLE

FUU	FUUSEN	風船	a balloon	
	WAFUU	和風	Japanese style	[凡 common 123KR]
kaze	kaze	風	wind	[虫 insect 1827KR]
	kamikaze	神風	kamikaze	
kaza-	kazami	風見	a weather vane	

1832 *Common insect in the **wind**- that's its **style.***

濁

MUDDY / TURBID

DAKU	DAKURYUU	濁流	a muddy stream	[氵 water 101R]
	DAKUON	濁音	a voiced sound	[目 eye 86KR]
nigo.	nigo.ru	濁る	become muddy (turbid, cloudy) // have a flat sound	[勹 wrap 192R] [虫 insect 1827KR]
	nigo.su	濁す	make muddy (turbid, cloudy) // be vague (ambiguous)	

1833 *Water that contains a large-eyed, wrapped-up insect is **muddy** & **turbid.***
Wrapped-up here means coiled (the insect is a caterpillar).

壱

ONE (IN DOCUMENTS)　[士 samurai 159KR]

ICHI	ICHIMAN'EN	壱万円	10,000 yen	[冖 cover 247R
	ISSEN	壱千	1,000	[匕 seated pers 121R]

1834 *Samurai covers **one** seated person.* An orphan with few structural relatives.

V. Structure Groups- Level 3

This final structure group at level 3 contains many complex and difficult kanji (and a few easy ones). All are essential to a working knowlege of the Japanese language.

応　悠　。着　差

応

OO

1. ANSWER / RESPOND　2. COMPLY / FULFILL / SATISFY　3. APPLY FOR

OOjiru	応じる	answer / reply / respond to // comply with / agree / accept // fulfill (a promise) / satisfy (a need) / meet (a demand) // apply for (admission, a job)	
OOTOO	応答	an answer / a reply / response	[广 building186R]
OOSHOO suru	応召	be drafted	[心 heart 61KR]
OOYOO suru	応用	apply / put to practical use	
OOBOSHA	応募者	an applicant // a subscriber	

1835 *Building with a heart **answers** that it will **comply** if you **apply**.*

悠

YUU

1. CALM / LEISURELY　2. DISTANT　[亻 person 154R]

YUUZEN	悠然	calm / composed / serene	[攵 strike 200R]
YUUCHOO na	悠長な	leisurely / slow / easygoing	[心 heart 61KR]
YUUKYUU	悠久	eternity / perpetuity	

1836 *Person with a stick strikes at the heart while remaining **calm, leisurely** & **distant**.*

着

CHAKU
tsu.
ki.

1. ARRIVE　2. WEAR　[羊 sheep 1193KR]

CHAKURIKU	着陸	landing (aircraft)	[目 eye 86KR]
tsu.ku	着く	arrive	
tsu.keru	着ける	wear / put on (clothing)	
ki.ru	着る	wear / put on (clothing) // take the blame for	
ki.mono	着物	clothing / a kimono	
ki.seru	着せる	dress someone // lay the blame on / charge	

1837 *Sheep with one leg eyes what you **wear** when you **arrive**.*

差

SA
sa.

1. DIFFERENCE　2. THRUST　[羊 sheep 1193KR]

SABETSU	差別	distinction / discrimination	[工 artisan 201KR
JISA	時差	a difference in time / time lag / jet lag	
sa.su	差す	hold (an umbrella) / wear (a sword) / offer (one's hand, a cup of sake) // thrust / insert	

1838 *Sheep with one leg and an artisan- what a **difference**! It is **thrust** upon us.*

鎖 賓。旋 礎。粛 庸

鎖

SA **kusari**

1. CLOSE / SHUT **2. CHAIN** [金 metal 10KR]

HEISA	閉鎖	closing / shutdown / lockout	[小 small 2KR]
kusari	鎖	a chain	[貝 money 91KR]

1839 *Metal that looks like small money (linked together) is a* ***chain*** *which can* ***close*** *or* **shut** things. Recall 肖 926.

賓

HIN

GUEST / VISITOR [宀 house 107R]

HINKYAKU	賓客	an honoured guest / visitor	[一 one 37KR]
SHUHIN	主賓	the guest of honour	[少 few 1203KR]

1840 *House has one or a few monied* ***guests*** *&* ***visitors.*** [貝 money 91KR]

旋

SEN

ROTATE / GO ROUND

SENKAI	旋回	rotation / revolution / turning	[方 side 726KR]
SENPUU	旋風	a whirlwind / cyclone / tornado	[亻 horiz person 805]
SHUUSEN	周旋	good offices / mediation / agency	[正 corr 1012KR]

1841 *Side of horizontal person is correct but must be* ***rotated.***

礎

SO **ishizue**

CORNERSTONE / FOUNDATION [石 stone 30KR]

SOSEKI	礎石	a cornerstone / foundation stone	[林 woods 1468KR]
KISO	基礎	the foundation / base / basis / elements	
ishizue	礎	a cornerstone / foundation stone / the foundation	

1842 *Stone in woods is correct- it will make a good* ***cornerstone*** *for the* ***foundation.*** A pictograph of a stone 石 laid at the foot 足 of wooden pillars 林 *i.e.* the **cornerstone.**

粛

SHUKU

SOLEMN / SILENT

SHUKUZEN to	粛然と	solemnly / silently	[彐 hand]

1843 *Hand dips brush into inkwell* ***solemnly*** *&* ***silently.***

庸

YOO

ORDINARY / COMMONPLACE [广 building 186R]

BON'YOO na	凡庸な	ordinary / commonplace / mediocre	[用 use 27KR]
CHUUYOO	中庸	a middle path / the golden mean	

1844 *Building with a hand using a pestle is* ***ordinary*** *and* ***commonplace.*** Rice and other grains being pounded with a pestle was a commonplace event in bygone times.

魚 漁。鳴 島。旅 衆

魚

FISH

GYO	GYOKAI	魚介	fish & shellfish / sea food / marine products
sakana	sakana	魚	a fish
uo	kawa uo	川魚	a river fish

1845 KR *Pictograph of a fish.* The snout (uppermost) is ク, the body 田 and tail ⺣ .

漁

FISHING

GYO	GYOSON	漁村	a fishing village	[氵 water 101R]
RYOO	RYOOSHI	漁師	a fisherman	[魚 fish 1845KR]

1846 *Water with fish is necessary for **fishing**.*

鳴

1. A (NON-HUMAN) CRY 2. RING / SOUND [口 mouth 85KR]

MEI	HIMEI	悲鳴	a shriek / scream / cry	[鳥 bird 93KR]
	RAIMEI	雷鳴	thunder	
na.	na.ku	鳴く	cry / sing / howl / yelp / moo / squeak / bleat / purr	
	na.ru	鳴る	something rings / sounds / tolls	
	na.rasu	鳴らす	ring (a bell) / sound (a horn) / blow (a whistle)	

1847 *Mouth of bird **cries** out while bells **ring** & **sound.***

島

ISLAND

TOO	HANTOO	半島	a peninsula	[鳥 bird 93KR]
	RETTOO	列島	an archipelago	[山 mountain 20KR]
shima	shima	島	an island	

1848 *Birds circle the mountain on the **island.***

旅

A TRIP / JOURNEY

RYO	RYOKAN	旅館	a Japanese-style hoitel (inn)	[方 side 726KR]
	RYOKOO	旅行	a trip / journey / travel(s)	[亠 horiz pers 805]
tabi	tabi	旅	a trip / journey / travel(s)	

1849 *Side of horizontal person with scanty clothing- he's on a **trip** (to the tropics).*

衆

MULTITUDE / POPULACE

SHUU	MINSHUU	民衆	the people / the masses	[血 blood 1724KR]
	TAISHUU	大衆	the masses / multitude / populace	[氵 drops]

1850 *Blood drops on the scanty clothing of the **multitudes**.* [衣 clothing 265KR]

漸 暫。世 葉。衝 衡

漸

ZEN

GRADUALLY

ZENGEN	漸減	a gradual decrease	[氵 water 101R]
ZENZOO	漸増	a gradual increase	[車 vehicle 40KR]

1851 *Water vehicle axed* ***gradually.*** [斤 ax 76KR]

暫

ZAN

A WHILE / BRIEFLY [車 vehicle 40KR]

ZANTEI TEKI	暫定的	provisional / tentative	[斤 ax 76KR]
			[日 sun 57KR]

1852 *Vehicle axed at sunset- it took* ***a while.***

世

SEI
SE
yo

1. GENERATION / AGE / ERA 2. THE WORLD / SOCIETY

NISEI	二世	a 'nisei' / a person of Japanese descent born, educated and living abroad // the second (II, Jr.)	
SEKAI	世界	the world / the earth / the universe	
SEWA	世話	taking care of / looking after	
yo	世	the world / society / the public // life // age / era / times	

1853 KR *Various objects in the corner are from another* ***generation*** *& another* ***world.***

葉

YOO
ha

LEAF [廿 various obj 1609E]

KOOYOO	紅葉	red leaves (of autumn)	
ha	葉	a leaf / foliage	[⺾ plant 99R]
hagaki	葉書き	a postcard	[世 generation 1853KR]
kotoba	言葉	a word // language	[木 tree 70KR]

1854 *Plant's generations on a tree are its* ***leaves.***

衝

SHOO

COLLISION

SHOOTOTSU	衝突	a collision	[行 go 4KR]
SHOOGEKI	衝撃	a shock / an impact	[重 heavy 1435KR]

1855 *Go between a heavy* ***collision.***

衡

KOO

SCALES / WEIGH [行 go 4KR]

HEIKOO	平衡	balance / equilibrium	[魚 fish 1845KR]
KINKOO	均衡	balance / eqilibrium	[大 big 1KR]

1856 *Go between a tailless fish that's big- get* ***scales*** *&* ***weigh*** *it.*

族 遊。湿 顕。賛 質

族

FAMILY / TRIBE [方 side 726KR]

ZOKU

KAZOKU	家族	a family	[一 horiz person 805]
MINZOKU	民族	a race / nation	[矢 arrow 80KR]

1857 *Side of horiz person hit by an arrow from a (hostile)* ***family****.*

遊

1. PLAY / ENJOY ONESELF 2. BE IDLE [辶 movement 178R]

YUU

YUUENCHI	遊園地	an amusement park	[方 side 726KR]
YUUKYUU	遊休	idle (unused) (resources, capital)	[子 child 95KR]

aso.

aso.bu	遊ぶ	play / enjoy oneself // be idle	

1858 *Movement at the side of horizontal person & child as they* ***play*** *and are* ***idle****.*

湿

DAMP / MOIST / HUMID [氵 water 101R]

SHITSU

SHITSUDO	湿度	humidity	[日 sun 57KR]

shime.

shime.ru	湿る	become damp	[凵 hollow 484E]
shime.su	湿す	moisten	

1859 *Water in sunny hollow makes it* ***damp, moist*** *&* ***humid****.*

顕

CLEAR / PLAIN / OBVIOUS

KEN

KENCHO na	顕著な	notable / conspicuous // clear / plain	[日 sun 57KR]
KENBIKYOO	顕微鏡	a microscope	[凵 hollow 484E]

1860 *Sunny hollow on forehead is* ***clear, plain*** *&* ***obvious****.* [頁 forehead 453R]

賛

1. PRAISE 2. APPROVAL / SUPPORT [夫 husband 635KR]

SAN

SANBI suru	賛美	praise / extol / glorify	[貝 money 91KR]
SANSEI	賛成	approval / support	

1861 *Two husbands with money- she deserves* ***praise*** *but needs* ***approval*** *&* ***support****.*

質

1. QUALITY 2. NATURE 3. INQUIRY 4. HOSTAGE

SHITSU

SHITSURYOO	質量	quality & quantity // mass (in physics)	
SHITSUMON	質問	a question	[斤 ax 76KR]
SEISHITSU	性質	nature / character / property	[貝 money 91KR]

SHICHI

SHICHIYA	質屋	a pawnshop / a pawnbroker	
HITOJICHI	人質	a hostage	

1862 *Two axes & money? The* ***quality*** *&* ***nature*** *of the* ***inquiry*** *is about the* ***hostage****.*

武 賦。異 翼。前 煎

武

MILITARY

BU	BUSHIDO	武士道	'bushido' / a samurai's code / chivalry	[正 correct 1012KR]
MU	MUSHA	武者	a warrior	[戈 lance 419R]

1863 KR *Correct lance is **military**.*

賦

1. TRIBUTE 2. PAYMENT / INSTALLMENT 3. GIVE [貝 money 91KR]

FU	FUKA	賦課	a levy / tax assessment	[武 military 1863KR]
	GEPPU	月賦	monthly installments	
	TENPU no	天賦の	natural / innate / inborn (lit. given or bestowed by heaven)	

1864 *Money to the military is a **tribute**. **Payment** is by **installment** so **give**.*

異

DIFFERENT / STRANGE [田 field 16KR]

I	IJOO na	異常な	unusual / abnormal // remarkable	[共 together 32KR]
koto.	koto.naru	異なる	be different / differ / vary	

1865 KR *Fields together may be **different** & **strange**.* From an earlier form showing a person 大 putting on a mask to signify of strange appearance, different or abnormal.

翼

WING

YOKU	SAYOKU	左翼	the left wing / leftist / left field (baseball)	
	UYOKU	右翼	the right wing / rightist / right field	[羽 wings 1801KR]
tsubasa	tsubasa	翼	wing	[異 different 1865KR]

1866 *Wings can be different but each is a **wing.***

前

1. BEFORE / EARLIER 2. FRONT

ZEN	ZENJITSU	前日	the day before / the previous day	[丷 out of 278E]
	ZENRETSU	前列	the front row	[一 one 37KR]
	GOZEN	午前	the morning / a.m.	[月 body 144R]
mae	mae	前	before / earlier // front	[刂 knife 163R]

1867 KR *Out of one body a knife- it was there **before** & in **front**.*

煎

1. BOIL 2. ROAST

SEN	SENjiru	煎じる	boil / decoct (tea)	[前 before 1867KR]
	SENCHA	煎茶	green tea	[灬 fire 402R]
i.	i.ru	煎る	roast / fire / parch	

1868 NJY *Before fire, you could not **boil** or **roast.***

獣 獄。恐 築。卸 御

獣

ANIMAL / BEAST [単 simple 1785KR]

JUU	JUUI	獣医	a veterinarian	[口 mouth 85KR]
	MOOJUU	猛獣	a vicious animal / ferocious beast	[犬 dog 89KR]
kemono	kemono	獣	a beast / brute	

1869 *Simple mouth of dog who is an **animal** & **beast**.* Note variant of 単 .

獄

PRISON [犭 animal 150R]

GOKU	KANGOKU	監獄	a prison/ jail	[言 word 35KR]
	JIGOKU	地獄	hell	

1870 *Animal with the word of a dog is put in **prison**.* The phrase JUKEN JIGOKU 受験 地獄 (examination hell) is often heard among Japanese students.

恐

FEAR [工 artisan 201KR]

KYOO	KYOOFU	恐怖	fear / dread / panic / terror	[凡 common 123KR]
oso.	oso.roshii	恐ろしい	fearful / terrible / awful / dreadful	[心 heart 61KR]
	oso.reru	恐れる	fear / be afraid of / dread // be overawed	

1871 *Artisan is common with a heart that **fears**.*

築

BUILD / ERECT [⺮ bamboo 71KR]

CHIKU	KENCHIKU	建築	building / construction / architecture	[木 tree 70KR]
kizu.	kizu.ku	築く	build / erect / construct	

1872 *Bamboo and artisan are common but you also need a tree to **build**.*

卸

WHOLESALE

oro.	oro.su	卸す	sell wholesale	[午 noon 13]
oroshi	oroshine	卸値	wholesale price	[止 stop 3KR]
				[卩 bowing pers 706E]

1873 KR *Noon stop with a bowing person who **sells wholesale**.*

御

1. CONTROL 2. HONORIFIC PREFIX

GYO	SEIGYO	制御	control	[彳 go 482R]
GO	GOHAN	御飯	steamed rice	[卸 wholesale 1873KR]
on-	onCHUU	御中	Messrs.	

1874 *Go wholesale for **honorific control**.*

茂 越 画 演 隠 穏

茂

GROW THICK

MO	HANMO suru	繁茂	grow thick (luxuriant, rank)	[艹 plant 99R]
shige.	shige.ru	茂る	grow thick // be overgrown	[戊 halberd 420R]

1875 *Plants are like halberds- they **grow thick**.*

越

1. CROSS 2. GO BEYOND 3. EXCEED / SURPASS [走 run 1751KR]

ETSU	EKKYOO	越境	jumping the border	[戊 halberd 420R]
	EKKEN	越権	overstepping one's authority	
ko.	ko.su (.eru)	越す	cross // go beyond // exceed / surpass / outrun / be better than	
	hikkosu	引っ越す	move / change residence	

1876 *Run with a halberd- **cross, go beyond, exceed** & **surpass**.*

画

1. PICTURE 2. STROKE (IN WRITING KANJI)

GA	GAKA	画家	a painter / an artist	[一 one 37KR]
	EIGA	映画	a movie	[田 field 16KR]
KAKU	KAKU	画	a stroke	[凵 container 14KR]

1877 *One field in a container- a **picture** with many **strokes**.*

演

PERFORM [氵 water 101R]

EN	ENGEKI	演劇	a play	[宀 house 107R]
	ENSOO	演奏	a (musical) performance	[八 eight 48KR]

1878 *Water in the house in one field is why 8 of us must **perform**.*

隠

HIDE [阝 hill 185R]

IN	INJA	隠者	a hermit	[爫 hand re down 340E]
	INKYO	隠居	retirement (from active life)	[彐 3-fingered hand]
kaku.	kaku.reru	隠れる	hide / conceal onself // retire	[心 heart 61KR]
	kaku.su	隠す	hide / conceal something // keep secret	

1879 *Hill and hands over heart **hide** something.*

穏

CALM / QUIET / PEACEFUL / MODERATE

ON	ONWA na	穏和な	mild / gentle / genial	[禾 rice plant 213R]
oda.	oda.yakana	穏やかな	calm / quiet / peaceful / moderate	

1880 *Rice plant and hands over heart- all is **calm, quiet, peaceful** & **moderate.***

維 羅。挙 誉。敢 厳

維

1. TIE UP 2. ROPE 3. SUPPORT

I

SEN'I	繊維	a fibre // textiles	[糸 thread 78KR]
IJI	維持	maintenance / support / upkeep	[隹 bird 267R]

1881 KR *Thread around bird- it is **tied up** with **rope** for **support**.*

羅

1. SILK GAUZE / THIN SILK

RA

RARETSU suru	羅列	enumerate / cite / marshal (data, facts)	
RASHIN	羅針	a compass needle	[罒 simple net 1047E]
RASHINBAN	羅針盤	a compass	[維 tie 1881KR]

1882 *Net tied up looks like **silk gauze**.*

挙

1. ALL / WHOLE 2. NAME 3. ARREST [⺍ light 947E]

KYO

TAIKYO	大挙	en masse / in full force	[丌 low table 921E]
KENKYO	検挙	an arrest / a roundup (of criminals)	[手 hand 33KR]

a.

a.geru	挙げる	name / enumerate // arrest / apprehend	
a.gete	挙げて	all / whole / in a body	

1883 *Light-covered low table and a hand: **all** have been **named**, now **arrest** them.*

誉

HONOUR / GLORY / FAME [⺍ light 947E]

YO

MEIYO	名誉	honour / glory / fame / credit	[丌 low table 921E]
homa.re	誉れ	honour / glory / fame / credit	[言 word 35KR]

homa.

1884 *Light-covered low table and words of **honour, glory** & **fame**.*

敢

DARING / BOLD [一 one 37KR]

KAN

KANKOO suru	敢行	take decisive action / venture / dare to	[耳 ear 87KR]
			[攵 strike 200R]

1885 KR *One ear struck. How **daring** & **bold**!*

厳

1. STRICT / SEVERE 2. SOLEMN [⺍ light 947E]

GEN

GENKIN	厳禁	strict prohibition	[厂 cliff 100R]
kibi.shii	厳しい	strict / severe / stern / intense	[敢 daring 1885KR]
ogoso.ka na	厳かな	solemn / grave / awe-inspiring	

kibi.

ogoso.

1886 *Light-covered cliff is a daring place to be- but I **strictly** & **solemnly** (prohibit it).*

隔 融。雲 曇。殼 穀

隔

SEPARATE / INTERPOSE [阝 hill 185R]

KAKU KAKURI 隔離 quarantine / isolation
heda. heda.taru 隔たる be distant from / be far off // be estranged from
heda.teru 隔てる separate / part / interpose

1887 *Hill and cooking pot on a stand **separate** us.* The 'cooking pot' element is composed of a large cooking pot (cauldron) 鬲 on a sturdy stand with internal crossbracing 冂 . Such a bulky object would be an obstacle in a house, causing physical **separation**. Hill reinforces the idea of **separation**.

融

DISSOLVE / MELT

YUU YUUTEN 融点 the melting point [虫 insect 1827KR]
KIN'YUU 金融 finance / credit / money

1888 *Cooking pot on a stand has an insect in it, but it **dissolved** & **melted**.*

雲

CLOUD

UN AN'UN 暗雲 dark clouds [雨 rain 69KR]
kumo kumo 雲 a cloud [云 mist 114E]

1889 KR *Rain and mist form a **cloud.***

曇

CLOUD UP

DON DONTEN 曇天 a cloudy sky [日 sun 57KR]
kumo. kumo.ru 曇る cloud up (over) / get cloudy [雲 cloud 1889KR]

1890 *Sun then cloud as it **clouds up.***

殼

SHELL / HUSK / HULL [士 samurai 159KR]

KAKU KOOKAKU 甲殼 a shell / a carapace [冖 cover 247R]
CHIKAKU 地殼 the earth's crust [几 table 119NJY]
kara kara 殼 a shell (egg) / a husk / hull (seed) [几 weapon 961E]
kaigara 貝殼 a seashell

1891 *Samurai covers table with weapon in hand, then cracks the **shell** (of an egg).*

穀

GRAIN / CEREALS [又 hand 295R]

KOKU KOKUMOTSU 穀物 grain / cereals [禾 rice plant 213R]
KOKURUI 穀類 grains / cereals

1892 *Samurai covers rice plant with weapon in hand, then plants **grains** & **cereals**.*

死 葬。域 惑。童 鐘

死

DEATH

SHI	SHITAI	死体	a dead body / corpse	[歹 bare bones 367E]
shi.	shi.nu	死ぬ	die	[匕 seated pers 121R]

1893 KR *Bare bones of seated person- he's **dead**.*

葬

BURY

SOO	SOOSHIKI	葬式	a funeral	[艹 plant 99R]
hoomu.	hoomu.ru	葬る	bury	[死 death 1893KR]

1894 *Plants at top and bottom are dead- **bury** them.*

域

REGION / SPHERE / LIMITS [土 earth 15KR]

IKI	CHIIKI	地域	a region / area / zone	[戈 lance 419R]
	RYOOIKI	領域	a territory / a sphere (of influence)	

1895 *Earth is bounded by lances into **regions**, **spheres** & **limits**.* The bounded element in 域 contains a simplification of 亜 which depicts the boundaries of a field. Lances stuck in the ground were used as temporary markers, and 域 originally meant ground in a field marked off by lances.

惑

1. GO ASTRAY 2. BE CONFUSED 3. BE TEMPTED [戈 lance 419R]

WAKU	WAKUSEI	惑星	a planet	[心 heart 61KR]
	TOOWAKU suru	当惑	be embarrassed (perplexed, puzzled)	
	YUUWAKU suru	誘惑	tempt / entice / seduce	
mado.	mado.u	惑う	go astray // be tempted / be misguided	

1896 *Bounded by lances, the heart **goes astray** because it is **confused** & **tempted**.*

童

CHILD

DOO	DOOWA	童話	a nursery story / fairy tale	[立 stand up 25KR]
warabe	warabe	童	a child	[里 village 56KR]

1897 KR *Standing in the village- a **child.***

鐘

BELL

SHOO	KEISHOO	警鐘	an alarm bell	[金 metal 10KR]
kane	kane	鐘	a bell	[童 child 1897KR]

1898 *Metal's child is a **bell.***

恵 穂 。逆 塑 。夜 液

恵

BLESS / BESTOW A FAVOUR [十 ten 52KR]

KEI	ONKEI	恩恵	a favour / benefit	[田 field 16KR]
E	CHIE	知恵	wisdom / intelligence / sagacity	[心 heart 61KR]
megu.	megu.mu	恵む	bless / bestow a favour / give in charity	

1899 KR *Ten fields and my heart- I **bless** them & **bestow them as a favour.***

穂

EAR / HEAD OF GRAIN

SUI	SUIJOO	穂状	spear-shaped	[禾 rice plant 213R]
ho	ho	穂	an ear (head) of grain	[恵 bless 1899KR]

1900 *Rice plant blesses us with **ears of grain.***

逆

1. REVERSE 2. OPPOSE

GYAKU	GYAKU ni	逆に	reverse / opposite / converse / contrary	[辶 movement 178R]
	HANGYAKU	反逆	treason / rebellion / insurrection	[丶 out of 278E]
saka.	saka.sa ni	逆さに	upside down / reversed / inverted	[一 one 37KR]
	saka.sama	逆さま	=saka.sa	[山 mountain 20KR]
	saka.rau	逆らう	oppose / contradict / disobey / go against	

1901 *Movement out of one mountain is **in reverse** & I **oppose** it.*

塑

MODELING / MOLDING [逆 reverse 1901]

SO	CHOOSO	彫塑	carving & modeling / the plastic arts	[月 moon 58KR]

1902 *Reversed moon on earth- **model** or **mold** it.* [土 earth 15KR]

夜

NIGHT

YA	YAGAKU	夜学	night school / evening classes	[亠 pot lid 227R]
yoru	yoru	夜	night / evening	[亻 person 154R]
yo	yonaka	夜中	the middle (dead) of the night	[夕 v 月 moon 58KR]
	yoake	夜明け	dawn / daybreak	

1903 KR *Top hat on person in the moon (light)- it's **night**.* Think of pot lid as a top hat.

液

LIQUID

EKI	DAEKI	だ液	saliva	[氵 water 101R]
	KETSUEKI	血液	blood	[夜 night 1903KR]

1904 *Water at night is a **liquid.***

篤 騒。選 遷。染 雑

篤

1. SERIOUS 2. SINCERE

TOKU	KITOKU	危篤	critically ill	[⺮ bamboo 71KR]
	TOKUSHI	篤志	benevolence / charity // ardor / zeal	[馬 horse 92KR]

1905 *Bamboo horse is **serious** & **sincere.***

騒

NOISE / DISTURBANCE [馬 horse 92KR]

SOO	SOOZEN	騒然	noisy / disturbed / tumultuous	[又 hand 295R]
	SOODOO	騒動	confusion / a disturbance / commotion	[虫 insect 1827KR]
sawa.	sawa.gu	騒ぐ	make a noise / be noisy / be agitated	

1906 *Horse slapped by a hand & bitten by an insect makes a **noise** & **disturbance.***

選

CHOOSE / SELECT [辶 movement 178R]

SEN	SENKYO	選挙	an election	[己 self 755KR]
era.	era.bu	選ぶ	choose / select / pick / elect	[共 together 32KR]

1907 *Movement of doubled selves together- **choose** one.*

遷

SHIFT / CHANGE [辶 movement 178R]

SEN	HENSEN	変遷	changes / vicissitudes	[西 west 84KR]
	SASEN	左遷	demotion	[大 big 1KR]

1908 *Movement of western big self is a **shift** & **change.*** [己 self 755KR]

染

1. DYE / COLOUR 2. INFECT 3. SOAK INTO

SEN	SENSHOKU	染色	dyeing	[氵 water 101R]
	DENSENBYOO	伝染病	an infectious (contagious) disease	[九 nine 49KR]
so.	so.maru	染まる	be dyed / be stained // be infected	[木 tree 70KR]
	so.meru	染める	dye / colour / stain	
shi.	shi.miru	染みる	soak into // be infected // hurt / smart	

1909 *Water nine trees with a **dye** that **infects** & **soaks into** them.*

雑

A MIX / MISCELLANY [九 nine 49KR]

ZATSU	ZATSUON	雑音	noise / static	[木 tree 70KR]
	ZASSHI	雑誌	a magazine	[隹 bird 267R]
ZOO	ZOONI	雑煮	'zoni' (rice cakes boiled with vegetables)	

1910 *Nine trees with birds in them. What a **mix**!*

両 満 。 属 嘱 。 展 殿

両

RYOO

1. BOTH 2. A 'RYO' (OBSOLETE JAPANESE COIN)

RYOOSHIN	両親	both parents / parents	
RYOOHOO	両方	both / both sides (parties)	
RYOOgae	両替	money exchange	

1911 KR *Scales weigh **both 'ryo's**.*

満

MAN
mi.

FULL

MAN'IN	満員	full to capacity (bus, hotel, theatre)	[氵 water 101R]
mi.chiru	満ちる	be full of / be filled with	[⺾ plant 99R]
mi.tasu	満たす	fill / satisfy	[両 both 1911KR]

1912 *Water plants until both are **full.***

属

ZOKU

1. BELONG TO 2. SUBORDINATE 3. GENUS [尸 buttocks 105R]

ZOKUsu(ru)	属す(る)	belong to / be affiliated with / fall under	[ノ emphatically 138E]
ZOKU	属	a genus	[虫 insect 1827KR]
KINZOKU	金属	metal / a metal	

1913 KR *Buttocks emphatically has an insect with long legs which **belongs to** a **subordinate genus**.*

嘱

SHOKU

ENTRUST / COMMISSION [口 mouth 85KR]

ISHOKU suru	委嘱	entrust (a person with)	[属 belong to 1913KR]

1914 *Mouth belongs to whom we **entrust** & **commission.***

展

TEN

EXPAND / SPREAD OUT [尸 buttocks 105R]

TENRANKAI	展覧会	an exhibition	[共 together 32KR]
TENBOO	展望	a view / prospect	[衣 clothing 265KR]

1915 *Buttocks together with scanty clothing **expand** & **spread out.***

殿

TEN
DEN

tono

1. PALACE 2. LORD 3. MISTER / ESQUIRE [尸 buttocks 105R]

GOTEN	御殿	a palace	[共 together 32KR]
KYUUDEN	宮殿	a palace / an Imperial Palace	[厂 weapon 961E]
DENKA	殿下	Your (His, Her, Their) Highness	[又 hand 295R]
tono (-dono)	殿	one's lord // Mister / Esquire	

1916 *Buttocks together with weapon in hand at the **palace** of my **lord**.*

承 蒸。凹 凸。繭 璽

承

HEAR / BE TOLD [三 three 39]

SHOO	SHOOCHI suru	承知	consent / agree to // know // permit	[子 child 95KR]
	SHOONIN suru	承認	recognize / acknowledge / approve	[水 water 67KR]
uketamawa.	uketamawa.ru	承る	hear / be told / know // receive (instructions)	

1917 *Three children are in the water, I* ***hear.***

蒸

STEAM // BE SULTRY [艹 plant 99R]

JOO	JOOKI	蒸気	steam	[子 child 95KR]
mu.	mu.su	蒸す	steam // be sultry (the weather)	[水 water 67KR]
	mu.reru	蒸れる	be steamed (rice) // be hot & stuffy	[灬 fire 402R]
	mu.rasu	蒸らす	steam (rice)	

1918 *Plant and child in the water are under a fire- things may* ***steam*** *&* ***be sultry.***

凹

CONCAVE / INDENTATION

OO	OOMEN	凹面	concave
	OOTOTSU	凹凸	uneven / irregular

1919 *A symbol of* ***concavity****.*

凸

CONVEX / PROTRUSION

TOTSU	TOTSUMEN	凸面	convex
	dekoboko*	凸凹	uneven / bumpy / jagged

1920 *A symbol of* ***convexity****.* No mistaking the meanings of these kanji.

繭

COCOON [糸 thread 78KR]

KEN	KENSHI	繭糸	cocoon & silk thread / silk thread	[虫 insect 1827KR]
mayu	mayu	繭	cocoon	

1921 *Plant with a* ***cocoon*** *that contains a thread-making insect.*

璽

IMPERIAL SEAL

JI	GYOJI	御璽	the Imperial (Privy) Seal	[冖 low table 921E]
	KOKUJI	国璽	the Great Seal / the Seal of State	[玉 jewel 1551KR]

1922 *Low table, cross-braced table & jewel form the* ***Imperial Seal.***

服　報　断　継

服

1. CLOTHES　2. OBEY / SUBMIT　3. ADMIT (GUILT)　4. SERVE　5. DOSE

FUKU	FUKUSOO	服装	clothes	[月 body 144R]
	FUKUsuru	服する	obey / submit to / yield // plead guilty	[卩 bowing pers 706E]
			serve (in the army)	[又 hand 295R]
	FUKUEKI	服役	penal servitude // military service	
	FUKUYOO suru	服用	take medicine	

1923 *Body of bowing person seized by the hand- he must now wear* ***clothes, obey, admit*** *(guilt),* ***serve*** *(in the army) all because he took a* ***dose.***

報

1. NEWS / REPORT　2. REMUNERATION / REWARD

HOO	JOOHOO	情報	a report / information / data	[幸 happiness 1933KR]
	TENKIYOHOO	天気予報	a weather forecast	[卩 bowing pers 706E]
	HOOSHUU	報酬	remuneration / compensation	[又 hand 295R]
muku.	muku.iru	報いる	reward / compensate // return / repay	

1924 *Happiness for bowing person seized by the hand: according to* ***news*** *&* ***reports****, he will receive* ***remuneration*** *&* ***a reward.***

断

1. DECISION / JUDGEMENT　2. CUT OFF　3. ABSTAIN FROM　4. REFUSE　5. WARN　6. EXCUSE ONESELF　7. DISMISS

DAN	HANDAN	判断	a decision / judgement	[亠 corner]
	DANSUI	断水	a cut off of the water supply	[米 rice 72KR]
	DANJIKI	断食	a fast / fasting	[斤 ax 76KR]
ta.	ta.tsu	断つ	cut off / sever // abstain from	
koto.	koto.waru	断わる	refuse / turn down // warn // excuse oneself // fire / dismiss	

1925 *Corner with rice and an ax calls for* ***decisions*** *&* ***judgements****.* The broad range of meanings of 断 is in part conveyed by ax, here meaning to cut cleanly.

継

SUCCEED / INHERIT / FOLLOW

KEI	KEISHOO suru	継承	succeed / inherit / take over	[糸 thread 78KR]
	KEIZOKU suru	継続	continue / last / go on	[亠 corner]
tsu.	tsu.gu	継ぐ	succeed / inherit / follow	[米 rice 72KR]
	mamako*	継子	a stepchild	

1926 *Thread by the corner with rice- who will* ***inherit*** *it? Who will* ***succeed*** *&* ***follow****?*

発 廃 。 為 偽

発

1. EMIT / RADIATE 2. FIRE 3. DEPART 4. BRING TO LIGHT

HATSU	HASsuru	発する	emit / radiate // fire (a gun) / launch (a missile) // leave	
	HASSAN suru	発散	emit / radiate / give out	
	HAPPOO suru	発砲	fire / discharge (a gun)	[癶 hairy sp legs 1086R
	SHUPPATSU	出発	a departure	[二 two 38KR]
	HAKKEN	発見	a discovery	[儿 legs 302R]
HOTSU	HOSSOKU	発足	inauguration	

1927 KR *Hairy spread legs and two legs stand firm when radiation is **emitted**, a gun is **fired**, a train **departs** or a discovery is **brought to light.***

廃

1. ABOLISH / DISCONTINUE 2. GO OUT OF FASHION 3. CRIPPLED

HAI	HAISHI suru	廃止	abolish / discontinue / do away with / repeal / cancel / annul	
	HAIJIN	廃人	a crippled (disabled) person / an invalid	
suta.	suta.reru	廃れる	fall into disuse / go out of fashion / become obsolete	[广 building 186R] [発 emit 1927KR]

1928 *Building emitted, so it was **abolished** & **went out of fashion** among the **crippled.***

為

DO

I	KOOI	行為	an act / action / deed
	JIN'I TEKI	人為的	man-made / artificial

1929 KR *Hand trains elephant to **do** (a trick).* In this now stylized character, the trainer's hand is represented by 丶 and elephant by the rest. (The elephant is standing on its hind legs).

偽

LIE / MISREPRESENT

GI	GISHO	偽書	a forgery	[亻 person 154R]
	GIZEN	偽善	hypocrisy	[為 do 1929KR]
nise	nisemono	偽物	an imitation / fake / counterfeit	
itsuwa.	itsuwa.ru	偽る	tell a lie / deceive / cheat // pretend / feign	

1930 *Person does something then **lies** & **misrepresents** it.*

楽　薬　。　幸　達

楽

1. MUSIC　2. EASE / COMFORT　3. PLEASURE / ENJOYMENT

GAKU	ONGAKU	音楽	music	
RAKU	RAKU	楽	ease / comfort / relief	[白 white 179KR]
	KIRAKU na	気楽な	easygoing / carefree / optimistic	[氵 water splashing]
	ETSURAKU	悦楽	pleasure / enjoyment	[木 tree 70KR]
	BUNRAKU	文楽	Japanese puppet theatre	
tano.	tano.shimu	楽しむ	take pleasure in / enjoy	
	tano.shii	楽しい	pleasant / enjoyable / fun	

1931 KR *White water splashing on a tree is like **music**, giving **ease, comfort** & **pleasure.*** Remember the element 氵 as 'water splashing'.

薬

MEDICINE / CHEMICALS

YAKU	YAKUHIN	薬品	medicine / drugs / chemicals	[艹 plant 99R]
	KAYAKU	火薬	gunpowder	[楽 ease 1931KR]
	NOOYAKU	農薬	agricultural chemicals	
kusuri	kusuri	薬	medicine / a drug (remedy, pill)	
	kusuriya	薬屋	a druggist / pharmacist	

1932 *Plant that gives ease is **medicine**.* The character refers to a medicinal plant.

幸

HAPPINESS / GOOD FORTUNE

KOO	KOOUN	幸運	good fortune / luck	[土 earth 15KR]
sachi	sachi	幸	happiness / good fortune	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
saiwa.	saiwa.i	幸い	happiness / good fortune	
shiawa.	shiawa.se	幸せ	happiness / good fortune	

1933 KR *Earth's short sheep brings **happiness** & **good fortune**.* Remember the element 羊 as the 'short' variant of 羊. Happiness is writing 幸 and 達 correctly.

達

1. REACH / ATTAIN　2. PLURAL SUFFIX

TATSU	TASsuru	達する	reach / attain (one's goals) // become proficient in	
	JOOTATSU suru	上達	make progress / advance in / improve in	
-tachi	hitotachi	人達	people	[辶 movement 178R]
	tomodachi	友達	a friend	[土 earth 15KR]
				[羊 sheep 1193KR]

1934 *Movement of earth's sheep as they **reach** & **attain** (their goals).*

逮 隷 康 。 角 触 解

逮

TAI

SEIZE / CHASE [辶 movement 178R]

TAIHO 逮捕 an arrest / capture

1935 *Movement as hand **seizes** the tail (of an animal) after **chasing** it.*

隷

REI

SLAVE / SERVANT

REIJUU 隷従 slavery [士 samurai 159KR]

REIZOKU suru 隷属 be subordinate to [示 show 36KR]

DOREI 奴隷 a slave

1936 *Samurai shows how hand seizes the tail of a **slave** or **servant**.*

康

KOO

PEACEFUL

SHOOKOO 小康 a brief respite / lull [广 building 186R]

KENKOO 健康 health

1937 *Building where hand seizes tail was **peaceful** 'till then.*

角

KAKU
kado
tsuno

1. HORN 2. ANGLE 3. CORNER

SANKAKU 三角 a triangle

kado 角 a corner // an angle

tsuno 角 a horn / antlers / a feeler / antenna

1938 KR *From a pictograph of a **horn**.* **Corner** and **angle** are extended meanings.

触

SHOKU
sawa.
fu.

TOUCH

SHOKKAKU 触覚 the sense of touch [角 horn 1938KR]

sawa.ru 触る touch / feel / pat [虫 insect 1827KR]

fu.reru 触れる touch / feel // conflict with / infringe

1939 *Horned insect **touched** me!*

解

KAI
GE
to.

1. SOLVE / EXPLAIN 2. UNTIE / UNRAVEL

KAISETSU suru 解説 explain / comment upon [角 horn 1938KR]

GENETSU 解熱 alleviation of fever [刀 sword 7KR]

to.keru 解ける come loose (undone, untied) // be solved / cleared up [牛 cow 90KR]

to.ku 解く untie / undo / unfasten // solve / clear up / work out

to.kasu 解かす comb one's hair

1940 *Horn cut off cow with a sword **solves** it- you won't have to **untie** her now.*

刷 遅 漏 。 濯 躍 曜

刷

PRINT [尸 buttocks 105R]

SATSU	INSATSU	印刷	printing	[巾 cloth 120NJY]
su.	su.ru	刷る	print	[刂 knife 163R]

1941 *Buttocks, cloth and a knife are used in **printing.***

遅

1. LATE / TARDY 2. SLOW [辶 movement 178R]

CHI	CHIKOKU suru	遅刻	be late / tardy	[尸 buttocks 105R]
	CHIEN suru	遅延	be delayed	[羊 sheep 1193KR]
oso.	oso.i	遅い	late // slow	
oku.	oku.reru	遅れる	be late // be slow (a clock) // be behind / fall behind	
	oku.rasu	遅らす	delay / defer / put off // set back (a clock)	

1942 *Movement of buttocks of sheep is **slow** & that makes them **late** & **tardy**.*

漏

LEAK [氵 water 101R]

ROO	ROODEN	漏電	a short circuit	[尸 buttocks 105R]
mo.	mo.ru	漏る	leak	[雨 rain 69KR]
	mo.reru	漏れる	leak / leak out / get out // be left out	
	mo.rasu	漏らす	let leak / wet (the bed) // express // reveal / divulge / let out	

1943 *Water from buttocks and rain may **leak**.*

濯

WASH [氵 water 101R]

TAKU	SENTAKU	洗濯	washing / the wash	[羽 wings 1801KR]
	SENTAKUKI	洗濯機	a washing machine	[隹 bird 267R]

1944 *Water and the wings of a bird are like **washing**.* Here, wings express 'beat' i.e. to beat in water, an ideograph for the **washing** of clothes (from an earlier time when the laundry was done by beating it on stones on a riverbank).

躍

JUMP / LEAP / SPRING [足 foot 34KR]

YAKU	YAKUSHIN suru	躍進	advance by leaps & bounds	[羽 wings 1801KR]
odo.	odo.ru	躍る	jump / leap / spring	[隹 bird 267R]

1945 *Foot with wings of a bird **jumps, leaps** & **springs.***

曜

DAY OF THE WEEK [日 sun 57KR]

YOO	NICHIYOOBI	日曜日	Sunday	[羽 wings 1801KR]
	GETSUYOOBI	月曜日	Monday	[隹 bird 267R]

1946 *Sun on the wings of a bird marks the **days of the week**.*

革 靴 覇 。 屯 鈍 純

革

1. LEATHER 2. REFORM

KAKU	HIKAKU	皮革	leather
	KAKUSHIN	革新	a reform
	KAKUMEI	革命	a revolution
kawa	kawa	革	leather

1947 *KR Horned animal has a hide of **leather** after the **reform**.* The horned animal is represented by 廿 and 冂 is its hide being pulled off as it is skinned. **Reform** is an associated meaning derived from the process of tanning **leather**.

靴

SHOE

KA	SEIKA	製靴	shoemaking	[革 leather 147KR]
kutsu	kutsu	靴	a shoe	[化 change 645KR]
	kutsushita	靴下	socks	

1948 *Leather changed into a **shoe**.*

覇

SUPREMACY / DOMINATION [西 west 84KR]

HA	HAKEN	覇権	supremacy / hegemony	[革 leather 147KR]
	HASHA	覇者	a supreme ruler // a champion	[月 body 144R]

1949 *Western leather body is **supreme**.*

屯

BARRACKS / POST

TON	CHUUTON	駐屯	be stationed
	CHUUTONCHI	駐屯地	a military post

1950 KR *Sprouting plant in the **barracks**- we've been **posted** here too long!* From a depiction of a sprouting plant to convey the idea of being stationary, and by association, barracks and post.

鈍

BLUNT / DULL

DON	DONKI	鈍器	a blunt (dull) weapon	[金 metal 10KR]
	DONKAN na	鈍感な	dull / stolid / dumb (person)	[屯 barracks 1950KR]
nibu.	nibu.i	鈍い	blunt / dull // slow-witted	
	nibu.ru	鈍る	become blunt (dull) // relax (weaken) (one's efforts)	

1951 *Metal in the barracks is **blunt** & **dull.***

純

PURE

JUN	JUNSUI na	純粋な	pure / unadulterated / genuine	[糸 thread 78KR]
	JUNMOO	純毛	pure wool	[屯 barracks 1950KR]

1952 *Thread in the barracks is **pure**.*

陸 熱 勢 。 印 興 潟

陸

LAND

RIKU	RIKU	陸	land	[阝 hill 185R]
	TAIRIKU	大陸	a continent	[土 earth 15KR]
	JOORIKU suru	上陸	land (in a country) / disembark	

1953 *Hill where earth is piled up is* ***land.***

熱

HEAT / FEVER

NETSU	NETTOO	熱湯	boiling water	[土 earth 15KR]
	NETTAI	熱帯	the tropics	[丸 round 1616KR]
	NESSHIN	熱心	zeal / ardor / enthusiasm	[灬fire 402R]
	NETSUBYOO	熱病	a fever	
atsu.	atsu.i	熱い	hot (food, drink)	

1954 *Earth piled up 'round a fire becomes* ***hot.***

勢

1. SPIRIT / ENERGY / VIGOUR 2. INFLUENCE / POWER 3. TREND

SEI	SEIRYOKU	勢力	influence / power	
	TAISEI	大勢	the general trend	[力 power 17KR]
	OOZEI	大勢	a large number of people / a crowd	
ikio.	ikio.i	勢い	spirit / energy / vigour // influence / power // a trend / tendency	

1955 *Earth piled up 'round power has* ***spirit*** *and* ***influence****- that's the* ***trend.***

印

1. SEAL / STAMP 2. SIGN / MARK / SYMBOL

IN	INKAN	印鑑	one's seal	[𠂉 hand press down]
	INSATSU	印刷	printing	[卩 bowing pers 706E]
shirushi	shirushi	印	a sign / mark / symbol	
	yajirushi	矢印	a directional arrow	

1956 *Hand pressing down on bowing person* ***seals*** *&* ***stamps*** *its* ***sign, mark*** *&* ***symbol.***

興

1. INTEREST 2. ENTERTAINMENT 3. RISE / FLOURISH

KYOO	KYOOMI	興味	an interest	[𠂉 hand press down]
KOO	KOOGYOO	興行	a performance / a show	[同 same 658KR]
oko.	oko.ru	興こる	rise / flourish / prosper	[冖 low table 921E]
	oko.su	興こす	revive / resusitate	

1957 *Two hands pressing down on the same low table-* ***interest*** *&* ***entertainment rise.***

潟

BEACH / LAGOON / INLET

kata	higata	干潟	a beach at ebb tide	[氵 water 101R]
	Niigata	新潟	Nigata (city in Japan)	[鳥 bird 93KR]

1958 *Water and a strange bird on the* ***beach.***

貴 遺 遣 。 援 暖 緩

貴

KI **tooto.** **tatto.**

1. VALUABLE 2. NOBLE 3. ESTEEM / RESPECT

KICHOO na	貴重な	valuable / precious / priceless	[中 middle 155KR]
KIZOKU	貴族	a nobleman / aristocrat / peer	[一 one 37KR]
tooto.i	貴い	valuable // noble / honourable	[貝 money 91KR]
tooto.bu	貴ぶ	value / esteem / respect / honour	
tatto.i (bu)		= tooto.i (bu)	

1959 KR *Middle one with money is **valuable** & **noble** so **esteem** & **respect** it.*

遺

I **YUI**

LEAVE BEHIND / BEQUEATH

IDEN	遺伝	heredity	[辶 movement 178R]
ISAN	遺産	an inheritance / a legacy	[貴 valuable 1959KR]
YUIGON	遺言	a will / one's last wishes	

1960 *Movement is valuable so **leave behind** & **bequeath** (your fortune).*

遣

KEN **tsuka.**

1. DISPATCH / SEND 2. GIVE / BESTOW 3. USE [辶 movement 178R]

HAKEN suru	派遣	dispatch / send (a messenger)	[中 middle 155KR]
tsuka.wasu	遣わす	dispatch / send // give / bestow	[吕 bum 594E]
kozukai	小遣	pocket (spending) money	

1961 *Movement of middle one with a bum- **dispatch** him & **give** pocket money to **use**.*

援

EN

HELP / ASSISTANCE [扌 hand 122R]

OOEN	応援	aid / assistance / support / cheering	[冖 hand re down 340E]
SEIEN	声援	cheering / encouragment	[爫 knotted rope]
KOOEN	後援	support / backing	[又 hand 295R]

1962 *Hands **help** with a knotted rope.* The 'help' element is composed of a hand reaching down, a knotted rope and a hand reaching for it, to signify one person hauling another up by a rope, *i.e.*, an ideograph for **help**. The third hand 扌 emphasizes **help**.

暖

DAN **atata.**

WARM

DANRO	暖炉	a fireplace / hearth	
atata.kai	暖かい	warm / mild	[日 sun 57KR]
atata.maru	暖まる	get warm	[援 help 1962]
atata.meru	暖める	warm something up	

1963 *Sun helps by **warming** us up.* Note handless 援 .

緩

KAN **yuru.**

LOOSE / SLACK

KANWA suru	緩和	relieve / ease / lighten / relax	[糸 thread 78KR]
yuru.mu	緩む	become loose / slacken / abate	[援 help 1962]
yuru.meru	緩める	loosen / relieve / relax	

1964 *Thread helps a **loose** & **slack** (garment).*

楼 数 類 。 易 賜 物

楼

ROO

TOWER [木 tree 70KR]

ROOKAKU	楼閣	a many-storied building / tower / castle	[米 rice 72KR]
MATENROO	摩天楼	a skyscraper	[女 woman 96KR]

1965 *Tree and rice woman are in the **tower**.*

数

SUU
kazu
kazo.

1. NUMBER 2. SEVERAL 3. COUNT

SUUJI	数字	a figure / numeral	[米 rice 72KR]
SUUKAI	数回	several times	[女 woman 96KR]
SUUGAKU	数学	mathematics	[攵 strike 200R]
kazu	数	a number	
kozo.eru	数える	count	

1966 *Rice woman strikes off **several numbers** as she **counts**.*

類

RUI

KIND / TYPE / GENUS

JINRUI	人類	mankind	[米 rice 72KR]
SHINRUI	親類	a relative / kin	[大 big 1KR]
SHORUI	書類	papers / documents	[頁 forehead 453R]

1967 *Rice as big as your forehead- that's the **kind**!*

易

EKI
I
yasa.
yasu.

1. TELL FORTUNES 2. EASY

EKISHA	易者	a fortune-teller	
YOOI na	容易な	easy / simple / plain	[日 sun 57KR]
yasa.shii	易しい	easy / simple / plain	[勿 rays 1421E]
yasu.i	易い	easy / simple / plain	

1968 KR *Sun's rays **tell fortunes** the **easy** way.*

賜

SHI
tama.

GRANT / BESTOW

KASHI suru	下賜	give / grant / bestow upon	[貝 money 91KR]
tama.waru	賜わる	grant / bestow / award	[易 tell fortunes1968KR]

1969 *Money tells fortunes when it is **granted** & **bestowed**.*

物

BUTSU
MOTSU
mono

THING

SEIBUTSU	生物	a living thing / life	[牛 cow 90KR]
SHOKUMOTSU	食物	food / provisions	[勿 rays 1421E]
tabemono	食べ物	food	

1970 *Cow with rays is just the **thing.***

婦 掃 帰 。渋 墨 摂

婦

FU

WIFE / WOMAN / LADY [女 woman 96KR]

SHUFU 主婦 a housewife

1971 *Woman with a broom is a **wife**.* The 'broom' element is a depiction of a hand holding a broom and is related to the broom element in 560E.

掃

SOO
ha.

SWEEP

SOOJI	掃除	cleaning / housecleaning	[扌 hand 122R]
ha.ku	掃く	sweep	[*v.s.* broom 1971]

1972 *Hand with a broom **sweeps.***

帰

KI
kae.

RETURN

KIKOKU	帰国	return to one's country / homecoming	[刂 knife 163R]
kae.ru	帰る	return (to where one belongs)	[*v.s.* broom 1971]
kae.su	帰す	send (a person) back / dismiss (school)	

1973 *Knife and broom- she has **returned.***

渋

JUU
shibu
shibu.

1. ASTRINGENT 2. GLUM / SULLEN 3. SIMPLE YET REFINED 4. BE RELUCTANT

JUUMEN	渋面	a sour face / scowl	
shibu	渋	persimmon juice	[氵 water 101R]
shibu.i	渋い	astringent // glum / sullen // simple yet refined / quiet & tasteful	[止 stop 3KR] [冫 pucker]
shibu.ru	渋る	be reluctant (unwilling) to do	

1974 *Water (persimmon juice) stops and makes you pucker because it's **astringent**. Don't be **glum** & **sullen** and **reluctant** to try this **simple yet refined taste**.* Remember the element 冫 as a mouth puckering after drinking persimmon juice. You may be caught in a 交通渋滞 in Japan, which is nearly as unpleasant as an unripe persimmon.

墨

RUI

1. RAMPART / PARAPET 2. BASE (IN BASEBALL) [田 field 16KR]

RUI	墨	rampart / parapet / fort // base	[冫 pucker]
MANRUI	満塁	bases loaded	[土 earth 15KR]

1975 *Field puckered with earth- once there were **ramparts** but now just **bases**.*

摂

SETSU

1. ACT IN PLACE OF 2. INJEST / ASSIMILATE [扌 hand 122R]

SESSHOO	摂政	a regent / regency	[耳 ear 87KR]
SESSHU suru	摂取	injest (food) / assimilate (culture)	[冫 pucker]

1976 *Hand seizes ear making it pucker. Nanny **acts in place of** the parents and makes the children **injest** food and **assimilate** culture.*

書 妻 事 。 麗 慶 薦

書

1. WRITE 2. BOOKS 3. LETTER / NOTE

SHO	SHODOO	書道	calligraphy	[彐 hand]
	SHOTEN	書店	a bookstore	[日 sun 57KR]
	SHORUI	書類	documents / papers	
ka.	ka.ku	書く	write	

1977 *Hand holding a brush draws the sun- that's **writing** in Japan.*

妻

WIFE

SAI	FUSAI	夫妻	husband & wife / Mr. & Mrs.	[十 ten 52KR]
tsuma	tsuma	妻	wife	[彐 hand]

1978 *Ten handed woman- she's a **wife**.* [女 woman 96KR]

事

THING / AFFAIR

JI	DAIJI na	大事な	important / serious / critical	[十 ten 52KR]
	KAJI	火事	a fire	[口 mouth 85KR]
koto	koto	事	thing / affair	[彐 hand]
	dekigoto	出来事	an event / occurence / incident	

1979 *Ten mouths and hands- what kind of **thing** or **affair** is it?*

麗

BEAUTIFUL

REI	BIREI na	美麗な	beautiful / gorgeous
uruwa.	uruwa.shii	麗しい	beautiful / graceful / elegant / fine

1980 *Hoofprints of deer- they are **beautiful**.* Remember the now defunct element 鹿 as hoofprints. The 'deer' element is a highly stylized pictograph of a deer. With some imagination antlers and feet can be seen. It may help to imagine the deer grazing by a building. Originally 麗 meant a herd of deer, and by extension, something very **beautiful.**

慶

1. REJOICE / BE HAPPY OVER 2. CONGRATULATE [*v.s.* deer 1980]

KEI	KEIJI	慶事	a happy event	[愛 love 2018]
	KEIGA suru	慶賀	congratulate	

1981 *Simple deer and simple love are for **rejoicing** & **congratulations**.*

薦

RECOMMEND [艹 plant 99R]

SEN	SUISEN suru	推薦	recommend	[*v.s.* deer 1980]
	SUISENJOO	推薦状	a letter of recommendation	[馬 horse 92KR]

1982 *Plants selected by simple deer and simple horse are **recommended**.*

傑 隣 瞬 。 段 鍛 暇

傑

KETSU

OUTSTANDING

KETSUBUTSU	傑物	an outstanding (great) man	[亻 person 154R]
KESSAKU	傑作	a masterpiece	[夂 opposed feet 403E]
			[木 tree 70KR]

1983 *Person with opposed feet up a tree is* ***outstanding****.*

隣

RIN

tonari

NEIGHBOUR

RINJIN	隣人	a neighbour	[阝 hill 185R]
RINSETSU no	隣接の	neighbouring / adjoining / contiguous	[米 rice 72KR]
tonari	隣	next door	[*v.s.* opposed feet 403E]

1984 *Hills of rice and opposed feet are* ***neighbours****.*

瞬

SHUN
matata.

WINK / BLINK / TWINKLE [目 eye 86KR]

SHUNKAN	瞬間	an instant / a moment	[冖 hand re down 340E]
matata.ku	瞬く	wink / blink / twinkle	[冂 cover 247R]

1985 *Eye with hand reaching down to cover opposed feet* ***winks, blinks*** *&* ***twinkles****.*

段

DAN

1. STEPS / STAIRS 2. GRADE / RANK 3. COLUMN / PARAGRAPH

DAN	段	steps / stairs // grade / rank // column / paragraph	
DANDAN	段々	gradually / by degrees // a terrace / steps	
KAIDAN	階段	a flight of stairs / a stairway	[几 weapon (tool) 961E]
SHODAN	初段	the first grade	[又 hand 295R]
ZENDAN	前段	the preceding paragraph / the 1st half	

1986 KR *Steps in cliff were made by tool in hand for* ***stairs****. They are a good* ***grade*** *and resemble a* ***column*** *or* ***paragraph****.* Remember the element 𠂉 as a cliff into which **steps** have been cut. The element 几 usually means weapon, but it can also refer to a tool.

鍛

TAN
kita.

1. FORGE / TEMPER 2. TRAIN / DRILL [金 metal 10KR]

TANREN suru	鍛練	forge / temper // train / drill / discipline	[段 steps 1986KR]
kita.eru	鍛える	forge / temper // train / drill / discipline	

1987 *Metal in steps is* ***forged*** *&* ***tempered****, just like* ***training*** *&* ***drilling****.*

暇

KA
hima

FREE TIME / LEISURE [日 day 57KR]

KYUUKA	休暇	a holiday / vacation / time off	[戸 door 41KR]
YOKA	余暇	leisure / spare time	[コ v 几 tool 961E]
hima	暇	free time / leisure	[又 hand 295R]

1988 *Day for fixing the door-step with tool in hand is when I have* ***free time*** *&* ***leisure****.*

焼 暁 奔 。 漢 嘆 難

焼

SHOO
ya.

1. BURN 2. ROAST

NENSHOO	燃焼	combustion	
ya.keru	焼ける	be burnt // be roasted	[火 fire 18KR]
ya.ku	焼く	burn // roast (broil, grill, bake, toast)	[十 ten 52KR]
yakitori	焼き鳥	grilled chicken	[艹 plant 99R]
hiyake	日焼け	suntan / sunburn	[元 origin 984KR]
yuuyake	夕焼け	the glow of sunset	

1989 *Fire on ten plants of simple origin* ***burns*** *&* ***roasts*** *them.*

暁

GYOO
akatsuki

DAWN / DAYBREAK

GYOOSEI	暁星	the morning star / Venus	[日 sun 57KR]
akatsuki	暁	dawn / daybreak	

1990 *Sun on ten plants of simple origin at* ***dawn.***

奔

HON

RUN ABOUT [大 big 1KR]

HONBA	奔馬	a runaway horse	[十 ten 52KR]
HONSOO	奔走	running about / efforts / good offices	[艹 plant 99R]

1991 *Big ten plants* ***run about****.*

漢

KAN

1. CHINA / HAN DYNASTY 2. FELLOW / MAN [氵 water 101R]

KANJI	漢字	a Chinese character / a kanji	[艹 plant 99R]
KOOKAN	好漢	a fine fellow	[口 mouth 85KR]

1992 *Water & plants in the mouth of the* ***man*** *from* ***Han China****.* [夫 man 635KR]

嘆

TAN
nage.

1. LAMENT / GRIEVE 2. DEPLORE [口 mouth 85KR]

TANSOKU	嘆息	a sigh // a lamentation	[漢 China 1992]
nage.ku	嘆く	lament / grieve // deplore / regret	

1993 *Mouth in waterless China* ***laments****,* ***grieves*** *&* ***deplores****.*

難

NAN
muzuka.
kata.

1.DIFFICULT 2. MISHAP / DISASTER 3. DEFECT

NANDAI	難題	a difficult problem (question)	[漢 China 1992]
KAINAN	海難	a shipwreck / a maritime disaster	[隹 bird 267R]
HINAN suru	非難	blame / censure / condemn / denounce	
muzuka.shii	難しい	difficult / hard	
kata.i	難い	difficult / hard	

1994 *Waterless China has birds- it's* ***difficult*** *for them & they have* ***mishaps*** *&* ***defects****.*

邦 寿 鋳 。 遂 隊 墜

邦

HOO

1. OUR COUNTRY (JAPAN) 2. COUNTRY

HOOJI	邦字	a Japanese character	[⺹ bush]
HOOJIN	邦人	a Japanese / the Japanese	[阝 village 347R]
RENPOO	連邦	a federal state	

1995 *Bush in the village in **Japan** and in other **countries**.* Students of *Kanji Mnemonics* by now should be comfortable reading a 邦字新聞.

寿

JU
kotobuki

1. LONGEVITY 2. CONGRATULATIONS [⺹ bush]

JUMYOO	寿命	lifespan / life expectancy	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
kotobuki	寿	congratulations	

1996 KR *Bush tended by a skilful hand has **longevity**. **Congratulations**!*

鋳

CHUU
i.

CAST METAL

CHUUTETSU	鋳鉄	cast iron	[金 metal 10KR]
i.ru	鋳る	cast / mint (coins)	[寿 longevity 1996KR]

1997 *Metal with longevity is **cast**.*

遂

SUI
to.

ACCOMPLISH [辶 movement 178R]

SUIKOO suru	遂行	accomplish / carry out	[豕 pig 867NJY]
to.geru	遂げる	accomplish / carry out	

1998 *Movement of pigs in motion- they will **accomplish** (their goal).* The element 豕 refers to a group of pigs moving out of an enclosure. In some compounds, the element conveys the idea of attaining a goal and in others it conveys movement and commotion.

隊

TAI

SQUAD / UNIT

GUNTAI	軍隊	an army / troops / forces	[阝 hill 185R]
GAKUTAI	楽隊	a band (musical)	

1999 KR *Hill with pigs in motion- it must be a **squad** or **unit**.* Here, 豕 conveys movement and commotion. Troops commonly encamped on hills and 隊 is an ideograph for army **units**.

墜

TSUI

FALL

TSUIRAKU	墜落	a fall / a crash (airplane)	[隊 squad 199R]
TSUISHI	墜死	death from a fall	[土 earth 15KR]

2000 *Squad to earth- **fall** down!*

威 滅 歳 。 徳 聴 恥

威

1. AUTHORITY 2. DIGNITY 3. THREAT

I	KENI	権威	authority	[戊 halberd 420R]
	IGEN	威厳	dignity / prestige	[女 woman 96KR]
	KYOOI	脅威	a threat / menace / danger	

2001 *Woman with a halberd has **authority, dignity** & she's a **threat**.* Note variant of 戊 .

滅

RUIN / DESTROY

METSU	HAMETSU	破滅	ruin / destruction	[氵 water 101R]
	SHOOMETSU	消滅	extinction / disappearance	[火 fire 18KR]
horo.	horo.biru	滅びる	perish / be ruined (destroyed) / die out	[戊 halberd 420R]
	horo.bosu	滅ぼす	ruin / destroy / annihilate / overthrow	

2002 *Water, fire and a halberd **ruin** & **destroy**.*

歳

YEARS OLD / YEAR

SAI	SANSAI	三歳	three years old	[止 stop 3KR]
	BANZAI	万歳	'banzai' / long live.../ hurrah / cheers	[戊 halberd 420R]
SEI	SEIBO	歳暮	a year-end gift // the end of the year	[小 small 2KR]

2003 *Stop with a halberd when you are small & **X-years old.***

徳

VIRTUE / MORALITY

TOKU	TOKU	徳	virtue / morality	[彳 go 482R]
	TOKUGAWA	徳川	Tokugawa (historical surname)	[十 ten 52KR]
	TOKKURI*	徳利	a sake bottle	[目 eye 86KR]

2004 *Go with ten eyes and a heart full of **virtue** & **morality**.* [心 heart 61KR]

聴

LISTEN CAREFULLY

CHOO	CHOOKAKU	聴覚	the sense of hearing	[耳 ear 87KR]
	CHOOSHUU	聴衆	an audience	[徳 virtue 2004]

2005 *Ear with simple virtue **listens carefully**.*

恥

1. SHAME / DISGRACE 2. BE SHY / BASHFUL [耳 ear 87KR]

CHI	CHIJOKU	恥辱	shame / disgrace / dishonour	[心 heart 61KR]
haji	haji	恥	shame / disgrace / dishonour / humiliation	
ha.	ha.jiru	恥じる	feel ashamed	
	ha.zukashii	恥ずかしい	shameful / dishonourable / disgraceful // be ashamed of	
	ha.jirau	恥じらう	be shy / bashful // blush	

2006 *Ear and heart feel **shame** when one is **shy** & **bashful.***

秀　透　誘　携

秀

SHUU
hii.

EXCEL / SURPASS

SHUUSAI	秀才	a genius / prodigy / bright student	[禾 rice plant 213R]
hii.deru	秀でる	excel / surpass / be superior to	[乃 plump buttocks]

2007 KR *Rice plant and plump buttocks* ***excel***. The element 'plump buttocks' is closely related to 呂 bum 594E. The ideograph 秀 refers to a rice plant with an exceptionally heavy head of grain i.e. one that **excels** or **surpasses** all the others.

透

TOO
su.

CLEAR / TRANSPARENT [辶 movement 178R]

TOOMEI na	透明な	clear / transparent	[秀 excel 2007KR]
TOOSHI suru	透視	see through	
su.ku	透く	become thin (sparse) / have gaps (space, room) // be transparent	
su.keru	透ける	be transparent	
su.kasu	透かす	look through // leave a space / thin out	

2008 *Movement that excels is* ***clear*** *&* ***transparent****.*

誘

YUU
saso.

1. INVITE　2. ENTICE / LURE

YUUIN	誘引	an invitation / inducement	[言 word 35KR]
YUUWAKU	誘惑	temptation / seduction / enticement	[秀 excel 2007KR]
saso.u	誘う	invite / ask // entice / lure / tempt	

2009 *Words that excel* ***invite*** *&* ***entice****.*

携

KEI
tazusa.

1. CARRY (IN ONE'S HAND) / PORTABLE　2. TAKE PART IN / PARTICIPATE

KEITAI suru	携帯	carry / bring (take, have) with one	[扌 hand 122R]
tazusa.eru	携える	carry / bring (take, have) with one	[隹 bird 267R]
tazusa.waru	携わる	take part in / participate	[乃 plump buttocks]

2010 ***Hand carries*** *a bird with plump buttocks- it is* ***portable*** *and will* ***take part in*** *(the market place).* These days 携帯電話 are all the rage in Japan, especially among the young who can be seen everywhere talking into a 携帯 (cell phone).

当　雪　急　尋

当

TOO

a.

1. HIT　2. BE ON TARGET / BE RIGHT　3. PRESENT

HONTOO	本当	truth / reality	
SOOTOO na	相当な	suitable / appropriate / proper / fit	[小 small 2KR]
TOOSEI	当世	the present age / modern times	[彐 hand]
a.taru	当たる	hit // be on target / be right	
a.teru	当てる	place / put / apply // hit / make a hit	

2011 *Small hand **hits** and is **on target** at **present**.* There are 15 or more associated meanings for 当たる in the dictionary.

雪

SETSU
yuki

SNOW

SHINSETSU	新雪	new-fallen snow	[雨 rain 69KR]
yuki	雪	snow	[*v.s.* hand]
ooyuki	大雪	a heavy snowfall	
yukiGASSEN	雪合戦	a snow ball fight	

2012 *Rain on hand is **snow**.*

急

KYUU

iso.

1. URGENT / SUDDEN　2. BE IN A HURRY

KYUUYOO	急用	urgent business	[夕 bending pers 476E]
KYUUKOO	急行	an express (train)	[*v.s.* hand]
TOKKYUU	特急	a special express (train)	[心 heart 61KR]
iso.gu	急ぐ	hurry / be in a hurry	

2013 *Bending person puts hand to heart- something **urgent** has **suddenly** come up and now he's **in a hurry.*** The sirens of 救急車 are a feature of big city life in Japan, as elsewhere.

尋

JIN
tazu.

1. SEARCH FOR　2. ASK / INQUIRE　[*v.s.* hand]

JINMON	尋問	questioning / interrogation	[工 artisan 201KR]
tazu.neru	尋ねる	search (look, hunt) for // ask / inquire	[口 mouth 85KR]
tazunebito	尋ね人	a missing person	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

2014 *Hand of artisan, mouth and skilful hand all **search**, **ask** & **inquire**.*

麦　変　後　愛

麦

WHEAT / BARLEY

BAKU	BAKUGA	麦芽	malt	[主 growing plant 389E]
mugi	mugi	麦	wheat / barley / oats / rye	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
	mugicha	麦茶	barley tea	
	komugi	小麦	wheat	
	oomugi	大麦	barley	

2015 *Growing plant with an upturned foot is* ***wheat, barley, oats*** *or* ***rye****.*

変

1. CHANGE　2. STRANGE / QUEER　3. A MISHAP / DISASTER

HEN	HENKA	変化	a change / transformation	[赤 red 1702KR]
	HEN na	変な	strange / queer / odd / peculiar	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
	HENSHI	変死	an accidental death	
	TAIHEN	大変	serious / grave / difficult / dreadful / wonderful	
ka.	ka.waru	変わる	undergo a change / be altered // be different from / differ	
	ka.eru	変える	change / alter	

2016 *Short red upturned foot* has ***changed*** *and is* ***strange*** *&* ***queer*** *as a result of the* ***mishap*** *or* ***disaster****.*

後

1. AFTER / LATER　2. BEHIND

GO	GOGO	午後	afternoon / p.m.	[彳 go 482R]
KOO	KOOHAN	後半	the second half	[幺 v 糸 thread 78KR]
nochi	nochi	後	after / later	[夂 upturned foot 459R]
ushi.	ushi.ro	後ろ	behind / at the back (rear) of	
ato	ato	後	afterward / later on // backward / in the rear	

2017 *Go with a short thread and upturned foot-* ***after****, you'll be* ***behind****.*

愛

LOVE

AI	AI	愛	love / affection	[⺤ hand re down 340E]
	AIJOO	愛情	love / affection	[冖 cover 247R]
	AIDOKU	愛読	love to read	[心 heart 61KR]
	AIKOKUSHIN	愛国心	patriotism	[夂 upturned foot 459R]

2018 *Hand reaching down to cover heart and upturned foot- it must be* ***love.***

喜　鼓　樹　膨

喜

REJOICE / BE GLAD

KI	KIGEKI	喜劇	a comedy	[士 samurai 159KR]
	KANKI	歓喜	joy / delight	[豆 bean 1082KR]
	KYOOKI	狂喜	wild joy / ecstacy / rapture	[口 mouth 85KR]
yoroko.	yoroko.bu	喜ぶ	be glad / be pleased / delighted	
	yoroko.basu	喜ばす	please (delight) someone	

2019 *Samurai with beans in his mouth **rejoices**.* It is helpful to think of the 'samurai with beans' element as a fusion of 士 and 豆 , the 一 of 豆 having been discarded.

鼓

DRUM

KO	TAIKO	太鼓	a drum	[士 samurai 159KR]
	KODOO	鼓動	a beat / pulsation / throbbing	[豆 bean 1082KR]
tsuzumi	tsuzumi	鼓	a hand drum	[支 branch 678KR]

2020 *Samurai with beans and a branch plays the **drum**.* Here, the element 支 is a hand holding a bamboo stick for beating a **drum**.

樹

TREE / BUSH

JU	JUMOKU	樹木	a tree	[木 tree 70KR]
	JUHYOO	樹氷	hoar frost / ice frozen on trees	[士 samurai 159KR]
	KAJU	果樹	a fruit tree	[豆 bean 1082KR]
	KAJUEN	果樹園	an orchard	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

2021 *Tree by samurai with beans and a skilful hand is a **tree** or a **bush**.*

膨

SWELL / EXPAND

BOO	BOOCHOO	膨張	expansion / swelling	[月 body 144R]
	BOODAI na	膨大な	swollen // huge / enormous	[士 samurai 159KR]
fuku.	fuku.reru	膨れる	something swells out (expands) / be sulky (cross, sore) / sulk	[豆 bean 1082KR] [彡 hair 342CO]
	fuku.ramu	膨らむ	swell out / expand	

2022 *Body of samurai with beans and hair **swells** & **expands**.*

能　熊　態　罷

能

NOO

1. ABILITY / TALENT　2. NOH PLAY　[厶 nose 502E]

NOO	能	ability / talent // a Noh play	[月 body 144R]
NOORYOKU	能力	ability	[匕 claws]
NOOMEN	能面	a Noh mask	

2023 KR *Pictograph of an animal with a prominent nose, body and claws i.e. a bear.* ***Ability*** *and* ***talent*** *are associated meanings stemming from the attributes of a bear (strength, agility, intelligence).* ***Noh*** *drama is further associative.*

熊

kuma

BEAR　[能 ability 2023KR]

kuma	熊	a bear	[灬 fire 402R]
Kumamoto	熊本	Kumamoto (city in Kyushu)	

2024 NJY *Ability like (a raging) fire- that's a* ***bear****!* Although not a general use character, 熊 is a part of every Japanese person's reading vocabulary. It is unlikely that a visitor to Japan will encounter 熊 in the wild, but he or she may feel threatened by 熊蜂 (kumabachi, literally bear-bee) which are the large hornets seen especially in the mountains.

態

TAI

CONDITION / APPEARANCE

TAIDO	態度	an attitude / manner / behaviour	
JITAI	事態	the situation / the state of affairs	[能 ability 2023KR]
JITTAI	実態	the actual situation / the realities	[心 heart 61KR]
JOOTAI	状態	condition / state / situation	
SEITAI	生態	ecology / mode of life	
HENTAI	変態	an anomaly / abnormality // metamorphosis / transformation	

2025 *Ability and heart determine one's* ***condition*** *&* ***appearance.***

罷

HI

1. STOP / DISCONTINUE　2. WITHDRAW / LEAVE　[罒 simple net 1047E]

HIGYOO	罷業	a strike / walkout	[能 ability 2023KR]
HIMEN	罷免	dismissal (from one's post)	

2026 *Simple net with ability:* ***stop*** *(after you have set it) and* ***withdraw****.* As an ideograph, 罷 probably meant to set a net for a bear, then **withdraw** or **leave. Stop** and **discontinue** are associative meanings.

契　喫　潔　。　絹

契

KEI
chigi.

PLEDGE / VOW [圭 tally]

KEIYAKU	契約	a contract	[刀 sword 7KR]
chigi.ru	契る	pledge / vow / promise	[大 big 1KR]

2027 KR *Tally cut with a sword for a big **pledge**.* The element 圭 is a pictograph of a notched piece of wood used as a tally in ancient times. Pairs were made and the matching halves brought together upon the proper fulfilment of the contract or deal. Often 圭 is combined with 刀 to emphasize the cutting of the notches.

喫

KITSU

EAT / DRINK / SMOKE

KISSATEN	喫茶店	a tea house / cafe	[口 mouth 85KR]
KITSUEN suru	喫煙	smoke (cigarettes, a pipe)	[契 pledge 2027KR]
MANKITSU suru	満喫	eat (drink) one's fill / have enough	

2028 *Mouth pledges to **eat, drink** & **smoke**.*

潔

KETSU
isagiyo.

1. CLEAN / PURE **2. BRAVE / MANLY** [氵 water 101R]

SEIKETSU na	清潔な	clean / pure	[圭 tally]
JUNKETSU na	純潔な	pure / chaste	[刀 sword 7KR]
KEPPAKU na	潔白な	pure / upright / having integrity	[糸 thread 78KR]
isagiyo.i	潔い	pure / upright // brave / manly	

2029 *Water on tally cut with a sword and thread are all **clean** & **pure**, **brave** & **manly**.*

絹

KEN
kinu

SILK [糸 thread 78KR]

KENPU	絹布	silk (fabric)	[口 opening]
kinu	絹	silk	[月 body 144R]

2030 *Thread from an opening in the body (of a silkworm) is **silk**.* An orphan with few structural relatives.

酸　唆　俊　。　陵

酸

ACID / SOUR

SAN	SANSEI	酸性	acidity	[酉 wine jar 220R]
	SANSO	酸素	oxygen	[厶 nose 502E]
su.	su.i	酸い	acid / sour	[儿 legs 302R]
	su.ppai	酸っぱい	acid / sour	[夂 upturned foot 459R]

2031 *Wine (jar) that lingers turns **acid** & **sour**.* A mnemonic for the 'linger' element is: *runny nose and upturned foot- let's not **linger**.* The 'nose with legs' construct is easily remembered as a 'runny nose'.

唆

1. TEMPT　2. INCITE　[口 mouth 85KR]

SA	SHISA suru	示唆	suggest	[*v.s.* linger 2031]
	KYOOSA suru	教唆	incite / instigate / abet	
sosonoka.	sosonoka.su	唆す	tempt / entice / seduce // incite / instigate / stir up / egg on	

2032 *Mouth lingers to **tempt** and **incite**.*

俊

GENIUS / EXCELLENCE　[亻 person 154R]

SHUN	SHUNSAI	俊才	a genius / a man of excellence	[*v.s.* linger 2031]
	SHUNKETSU	俊傑	a great man	

2033 *Person who lingers (behind) is a **genius**.* The character has connotations both of standing apart and being able to give others a head start and still be able to surpass them.

陵

1. IMPERIAL TOMB　2. MOUND / HILL　[阝 hill 185R]

RYOO	GORYOO	御陵	tomb of the Emperor (Empress)	[土 earth 15KR]
	KYUURYOO	丘陵	a hill	[儿 legs 302R]
misasagi	misasagi	陵	an Imperial tomb	[夂 upturned foot 459R]

2034 *Hill with earth, legs and an upturned foot is either an **Imperial tomb** or just a **mound** or a **hill**.*

番 藩 審 翻 。 爵

番

BAN

1. GUARD / KEEP WATCH 2. NUMBER 3. ORDER / TURN

BANNIN	番人	a watchman / guard	[ノ emphatically 138E]
KOOBAN	交番	a police box	[米 rice 72KR]
ICHIBAN	一番	the first / No. 1 / most / best	[田 field 16KR]
JUNBAN	順番	order / turn	

2035 KR *Emphatically rice in field is **guarded** by **number** and **in order.***

藩

HAN

FEUDAL CLAN

HAN	藩	a feudal clan	[艹 plant 99R]
HANSHU	藩主	the lord of a feudal clan	[氵 water 101R]
			[番 guard 2035KR]

2036 *Plants are watered and guarded by the **feudal clan**.*

審

SHIN

TRIAL / HEARING / INVESTIGATION

SHINMON	審問	a trial / an inquiry / an examination	[宀 house 107R]
SHINPAN	審判	a referee (umpire, judge)	[番 guard 2035KR]
SHINSA suru	審査	judge / examine / investigate	

2037 *House guarded during the **trial.***

翻

HON

hirugae.

1. WAVE / FLUTTER 2. CHANGE

HON'YAKU suru	翻訳	translate	[番 guard 2035KR]
HONI suru	翻意	change one's mind	[羽 wings 1801KR]
hirugae.ru	翻る	wave / flutter / stream	
hirugae.su	翻す	change	

2038 *Guard wings as they **wave, flutter** and **change.***

爵

SHAKU

PEERAGE [⺈ hand re down 340E]

HAKUSHAKU	伯爵	a count / earl	[皿 plate 23KR]
DANSHAKU	男爵	a baron	[食 food 804KR]
KOOSHAKU	公爵	a prince / duke	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]

2039 *Hand reaches down with a simple plate to serve simple food with a skilful hand to the **peerage.***

免 晩 逸 勉 。 寧

免

1. ESCAPE 2. AVOID / EVADE 3. BE EXEMPT

MEN	MEN'EKI	免疫	immunity
	MENKYO	免許	a licence / permit
	MENZAI	免罪	acquittal
	MENZEI	免税	tax exemption
manuka.	manuka.reru	免れる	escape (danger) // avoid / evade

2040 KR *Big-eared bug-eyed long-legged rabbit* ***escaped*** *&* ***avoided*** *(capture) so it was* ***exempt from*** *(being barbequed).*

晩

1. EVENING 2. LATE

BAN	KONBAN	今晩	this evening	[日 sun 57KR]
	BANKON	晩婚	late marriage	[免 escape 2040KR]
	BANNEN	晩年	late in life	

2041 *Sun escapes* ***late*** *in the* ***evening.***

逸

1. ESCAPE 2. EXCEL 3. DEVIATE / STRAY

ITSU	ISsuru	逸する	let escape / miss (a chance) // deviate from	
	IPPIN	逸品	a masterpiece / a superb article	[辶 movement 178R]
	ITSUWA	逸話	an anecdote	[免 escape 2040KR]

2042 *Movement* ***escapes*** *because it* ***excels*** *so do not* ***deviate.***

勉

EFFORT / HARD WORK

BEN	BENKYOO	勉強	study	[免 escape 2040KR]
	KINBEN na	勤勉な	industrious / hard working / diligent	[力 power 17KR]

2043 *Escape power by* ***effort*** *&* ***hard work.***

寧

PEACEFUL / QUIET [宀 house 107R]

NEI	ANNEI	安寧	public peace	[心 heart 61KR]
	TEINEI	丁寧	civility / politeness // care	[皿 plate 23KR]
				[丁 city block 21KR]

2044 *House with a heart and simple plate on the city block is* ***peaceful*** *&* ***quiet.***

電 竜 滝 縄 。 襲

電

DEN

ELECTRICITY

DENKI	電気	electricity	[雨 rain 69KR]
DENWA	電話	a telephone	[田 field 16KR]
DENSHI	電子	an electron	

2045 *Rain on field with a bolt of lightening- it's* ***electricity****.*

竜

RYUU

tatsu

DRAGON

RYUU	竜	a dragon	[立 stand up 25KR]
RYUUGUU	竜宮	Palace of the Dragon King	[田 field 16KR]
KYOORYUU	恐竜	a dinosaur	
tatsu	竜	a dragon	

2046 KR *Standing up in a field emitting a bolt of lightening- it's a* ***dragon****!* The modern version of **dragon** is highly evolved and simplified and contains few of the features of the twisting **dragon** 龍 in 2049.

滝

taki

WATERFALL

taki	滝	a waterfall	[シ water 101R]
takinobori	滝登ぼり	(salmon) climbing a waterfall	[竜 dragon 2046KR]

2047 *Water dragon is a* ***waterfall****.*

縄

JOO

nawa

ROPE

JOOMON	縄文	straw-rope pattern found on pottery of the 'Jomon' period in Japanese history.	
nawa	縄	rope	[糸 thread 78KR]
nawatobi	縄跳び	skipping (jumping) rope	[田 field 16KR]
Okinawa	沖縄	Okinawa	

2048 *Thread after two fields were struck by a bolt of lightening- it used to be* ***rope.***

襲

SHUU

oso.

1. ATTACK **2. INHERIT** [立 stand up 25KR]

SHUUGEKI	襲撃	an attack	[月 body 144R]
KUUSHUU	空襲	an air raid	[龍 dragon]
SESHUU	世襲	heredity	[衣 clothing 265KR]
oso.u	襲う	attack / assail / assault // inherit	

2049 *Dragon clothing for an* ***attack*** *to* ***inherit*** *(the kingdom).* The difficult element 龍 is derived from a pictograph of a dragon. Remember its unmemorable modern form as: *stand up on the body of a twisting dragon.*

空　控　突　深　探

空

1. SKY　2. EMPTY

KUU	KUUKOO	空港	an airport	[穴 hole 51KR]
sora	sora	空	the sky	[工 artisan 201KR]
kara	kara no	空の	empty	
	karate	空手	karate	
a.	a.ku	空く	be empty (unoccupied)	
	a.keru	空ける	empty / leave blank	

2050 KR *Hole made by artisan is as **empty** as the **sky**.*

控

1. HOLD BACK　2. ABSTAIN FROM　3. POSTPONE　4. MAKE A NOTE OF　5. WAIT

KOO	KOOJOsuru	控除	subtract / deduct	
hika.	hika.eru	控える	hold back // abstain from // postpone // make a note of // wait	
	hikae	控え	a note / memo	[扌 hand 122R]
	hikaeme no	控え目	moderate / reserved	[空 sky 2050KR]
	hikaeshitsu	控え室	a waiting room	

2051 *Hand in the sky **holds back**, **abstains** & **postpones** so **make a note of** it & **wait**.*

突

1. THRUST / POKE / STRIKE　2. SUDDEN

TOTSU	TOTSUNYUU suru	突入	rush (plunge) into	
	TOTSUZEN	突然	suddenly	[穴 hole 51KR]
tsu.	tsu.ku	突く	thrust / poke / strike	[大 big 1KR]
	hanetsuki	羽根突き	Japanese badminton	
	tamatsuki	玉突き	billiards	

2052 *Hole is big- make a **sudden thrust**.*

深

DEEP

SHIN	SHINDO	深度	depth	[氵 water 101R]
fuka.	fuka.i	深い	deep	[穴 hole 51KR]
	fuka.maru	深まる	become deeper (more intense)	[木 tree 70KR]
	fuka.meru	深める	deepen / intensify	

2053 *Water in the flat hole in the tree is **deep.*** Note variant of 穴 .

探

SEARCH / GROPE / PROBE　[扌 hand 122R]

TAN	TANKEN	探検	an exploration (expedition)
sagu.	sagu.ru	探る	spy on // search / sound out // feel for // probe / explore
saga.	saga.su	探す	look for

2054 *Hand in the flat hole in the tree **searches, gropes** & **probes**.*

京 涼 鯨 景 影

京

CAPITAL

KYOO	KYOOTO	京都	Kyoto (old Imperial capital of Japan)	
	TOOKYOO	東京	Tokyo	[高 tall 216KR]
	JOOKYOO	上京	going to Tokyo	[小 small 2KR]
KEI	KEIHIN	京浜	Tokyo-Yokohama	

2055 KR *Tall and small in the **capital**.*

涼

COOL / REFRESHING

RYOO	RYOOMI	涼味	coolness / the cool	[氵water 101R]
suzu.	suzu.shii	涼しい	cool / refreshing	[京 capital 2055KR]
	suzu.mu	涼む	cool off / enjoy the cool (of the evening)	
	suzukaze**	涼風	a cool breeze **also read as RYOOFUU	

2056 *Water in the capital is **cool** & **refreshing**.*

鯨

WHALE

GEI	GEINIKU	鯨肉	whale meat	[魚 fish 1845KR]
	HOGEI	捕鯨	whaling	[京 capital 2055KR]
	HAKUGEI	白鯨	Moby Dick or the White Whale	
kujira	kujira	鯨	a whale	

2057 *Fish in the capital is a **whale**.*

景

SCENE / VIEW

KEI	KEISHOOCHI	景勝地	a picturesque place / a scenic spot	[日 sun 57KR]
	KEIKI	景気	business conditions	[京 capital 2055KR]
KE	KESHIKI	景色	scenery	

2058 KR *Sun over the capital shines on many **scenes** & **views**.*

影

1. SHADOW **2. REFLECTION / IMAGE** **3. TRACE /SIGN** [景 scene 2058KR]

EI	GEN'EI	幻影	a phantom / an illusion	[彡 hair 342CO]
	SATSUEI	撮影	photography	
kage	kage	影	a shadow // a reflection / image / figure // trace / sign	

2059 *Scene with hair is just a **shadow** or **reflection** with hardly a **trace** or **sign**.*

狂 皇 聖 班 潤

狂

1. INSANE 2. MANIA

KYOO	KYOOKI	狂気	insanity / madness / craziness	[犭 animal 150R]
	KYOOGEN	狂言	a Noh farce // a play / drama	[王 king 64KR]
	EIGA KYOO	映画狂	a movie fan	
kuru.	kuru.u	狂う	go insane (mad, crazy) / run amuck / get out of order / go wrong	

2060 *Animal king is **insane** and has a **mania** (for movies).*

皇

EMPEROR

KOO	KOOSHITSU	皇室	the Imperial Household	[白 white 179KR]
	KOOTAISHI	皇太子	the Crown Prince	[王 king 64KR]
OO	TENNOO	天皇	the Emperor of Japan	

2061 *White king becomes **Emperor**.*

聖

HOLY

SEI	SEIBO	聖母	the Holy Mother / Virgin Mary	[耳 ear 87KR]
	SEIDOO	聖堂	a Confucian temple // a church	[口 mouth 85KR]
	SEISHO	聖書	the Bible	[王 king 64KR]

2062 *Ear and mouth of the king are **holy**.*

班

GROUP / SQUAD

HAN	HAN	班	a group / squad	[王 king 64KR]
	HANCHOO	班長	a group (squad) leader	[刂 knife 163R]
	HANTEN	班点	a spot / speckle / dot	

2063 *King knifes king- then forms his own **group**.*

潤

1. MOISTEN / WET 2. ENRICH [氵 water 101R]

JUN	JUNKATSUYU	潤滑油	lubricating oil	[門 gate 145KR]
	JUNTAKU na	潤沢な	abundant / plentiful	
uruo.	uruo.u	潤う	be moistened / get wet // be enriched / get benefits / profit from	
	uruo.su	潤す	moisten / wet // enrich / make rich	
uru.	uru.mu	潤む	be moist (wet)	

2064 *Water gate king gets **moistened, wet** & **enriched.***

肩　扇　戻　涙　啓

肩

SHOULDER

KEN	KENSHOO	肩章	epaulettes / shoulder pips	[戸 door 41KR]
kata	kata	肩	a shoulder	[月 body 144R]

2065 *Door with a body like a* ***shoulder.***

扇

FAN

SEN	SENSU**	扇子	a folding fan **SU is an uncommon reading of 子 95KR.	
	SENPUUKI	扇風機	an electric fan	
	SENDOO suru	扇動	instigate / incite / abet / egg on	[戸 door 41KR]
oogi	oogi	扇	a folding fan	[羽 wings 1801KR]

2066 *Door and wings are like a* ***fan.***

戻

RETURN [戸 door 41KR]

REI	*	*	no common words with this reading	[大 big 1KR]
modo.	modo.ru	戻る	return (to where one was)	
	modo.su	戻す	return / give (put, pay) back // send back // throw up / vomit // unwind // reject / turn down	

2067 KR *Door with a big (dog) who has* ***returned***. Earlier versions were written with 犬 dog 89KR to give a readily understood ideograph for **return**. The modern version is undoubtedly a miscopy.

涙

TEARS

RUI	KANRUI	感涙	tears of strong emotion	[氵 water 101R]
	KETSURUI	血涙	bitter tears	[戻 return 2067KR]
namida	namida	涙	a tear	
	namidagoe	涙声	a tearful voice	
	soranamida	空涙	false (crocodile) tears	

2068 *Water returns as* ***tears.***

啓

1. OPEN / ENLIGHTEN　2. SAY [戸 door 41KR]

KEI	KEIHATSU	啓発	enlightenment / edification	[攵 strike 200R]
	KEIJI	啓示	a revelation	[口 opening]
	HAIKEI	拝啓	Dear Sir:	

2069 *Door struck open, not an* ***enlightened*** *way to* ***open*** *it, I* ***say***. Here, 口 is an opening.

推 誰 唯 進 。。。

推

SUI

o.

1. INFER / DEDUCE **2. RECOMMEND / PROPOSE**

SUIRI	推理	reasoning / inference	[扌 hand 122R]
SUIRON	推論	reasoning / inference	[隹 bird 267R]
SUITEI suru	推定	infer / presume / estimate	
SUISEN suru	推薦	recommend	
o.su	推す	infer / deduce // recommend / propose	

2070 *Hand holding a bird- I **infer** that you **recommend** it?*

誰

dare

WHO [言 word 35KR]

dare	誰	who	[隹 bird 267R]

2071 NJY *Word of bird- **who**? **who**? **who**?* (Our mnemonic bird is an owl). Although 誰 is classified as a NJY kanji, it is nevertheless essential for everyday reading and writing.

唯

YUI

SOLELY / ONLY / MERELY

YUIITSU no	唯一の	sole / only / unique / single	[口 mouth 85KR]
YUISHINRON	唯心論	idealism / spiritualism	[隹 bird 267R]
YUIRIRON	唯理論	rationalism	
YUIBUTSURON	唯物論	materialism	

2072 *Mouth of a bird has **solely** (songs to sing).*

進

SHIN

susu.

MOVE FORWARD / ADVANCE / PROGRESS [辶 movement 178R]

SHINPO suru	進歩	make progress / advance / improve
susu.mu	進む	advance / go forward / make progress / improve // gain (a clock)
susu.meru	進める	advance / put forward (a clock, a scheme) / promote / hasten

2073 *Movement like a bird- **move forward, advance** & **progress**.*

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CHI

YOUNG / IMMATURE

CHIGYO	稚魚	fish fry	[禾 rice plant 213R]
YOCHIEN	幼稚園	a kindergarden	[*v.s.* bird 267R]

2074 *Rice plant and bird are **young** & **immature.***

集

SHUU

atsu.

tsudo.

GATHER / COLLECT [*v.s.* bird 267R]

SHUUDAN	集団	a group / body / mass	[木 tree 70KR]
SHUUKIN	集金	bill collecting	
BUNSHUU	文集	a collection of works / an anthology	
atsu.maru	集まる	gather / collect / assemble / come together / centre (in, on)	
atsu.meru	集める	gather / collect (stamps) / centre (in, on) / concentrate on	
tsudo.u	集う	= atsu.maru	

2075 *Birds in a tree have **gathered** there.*

隻

SEKI

1. ONE OF A PAIR 2. COUNTER FOR SHIPS

SEKIGAN	隻眼	one-eyed	[*v.s.* bird 267R]
SEKISHU	隻手	one-armed	[又 hand 295R]
SANSEKI	三隻	3 ships	

2076 *Bird in the hand is **one of a pair**- the other is is on **1, 2, 3... ships.***

催

SAI

moyoo.

1. HOLD / SPONSOR 2. FEEL

KAISAI suru	開催	hold (a meeting) / sponsor	[亻 person 154R]
SHUSAI suru	主催	sponsor / promote	[山 mountain 20KR]
SAIMIN	催眠	hypnotism	[*v.s.* bird 267R]
moyoo.su	催す	hold / give (a party) // feel	

2077 *Person in the mountains with birds **holds** (a meeting) when he **feels** like it.*

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奮

FUN

EXCITED / ROUSED UP

FUNKI suru	奮起	rouse oneself to action	[大 big 1KR]
FUNPATSU suru	奮発	make strenuous efforts // splurge	[*v.s.* bird 267R]
KOOFUN suru	興奮	be excited (roused up, stimulated)	[田 field 16KR]

2078 *Big bird in the field gets* ***excited*** *&* ***roused up.***

奪

DATSU
uba.

SNATCH / TAKE BY FORCE [大 big 1KR]

GOODATSU suru	強奪	rob / plunder	[*v.s.* bird 267R]
RYAKUDATSU suru	略奪	plunder / pillage / loot / sack	[寸 skilful hand 55KR]
DASSHU suru	奪取	capture / seize / rob	
uba.u	奪う	snatch / take by force / rob / plunder / pillage / seize	

2079 *Big bird in a skilful hand- it was* ***snatched*** *&* ***taken by force.***

擁

YOO

1. SUPPORT 2. PROTECT 3. EMBRACE [扌 hand 122R]

YOORITSU suru	擁立	support / back up	[亠 pot lid 227R]
YOOGO	擁護	protection / cover / defence	[糸 thread 78KR]
HOOYOO	抱擁	an embrace / a hug	[*v.s.* bird 267R]

2080 *Hand puts a pot lid and loose thread around bird to* ***support, protect*** *&* ***embrace*** *it.*
Review 維 1881KR.

雄

YUU
osu
on-
o-

1. MALE (ANIMAL) 2. BRAVE / GREAT

YUUSEI	雄性	male	[十 ten 52KR]
YUUDAI na	雄大な	magnificent / grand / imposing	[厶 nose 502E]
osu	雄	male	[*v.s.* bird 267R]
ondori	雄鳥	a rooster / cock	
oushi	雄牛	a bull	

2081 *Ten noses on a bird- it's a* ***male, brave*** *&* ***great.*** The female counterpart 雌 465.

Appendix I

Abbreviations and Conventions

CO	Character in use in China only.
E	Element, a substructure of a kanji. Elements do not stand alone.
JY	JOYO 常用 general use kanji, of which there are 1,945 as prescribed by the Ministry of Education.
K	Kanji
KR	Kanji and Radical, *i.e.* a kanji that can also serve as a radical.
kun	The Japanese 'reading' of a kanji, conventionally written in lower case Roman script or in hiragana.
NJY	Not a JOYO 常用 kanji and not on the list approved for general use by the Ministry of Education. Nevertheless NJY kanji are encountered in everyday reading material; a few of these are given in *Kanji Mnemonics.*
OO	The long O. In many texts it is printed as an O with a lengthening bar on the top. The OO sounds exactly the same as O, but twice as long.
ON	The Chinese 'reading' of a kanji, conventionally written in upper case Roman script or in katakana.
R	Radical, a substructure of a kanji. Radicals do not stand alone.
UU	The long U. In many texts it is printed as a U with a lengthening bar on the top. The UU sounds exactly like U, but twice as long.
V	Variant of
V.S.	*vide supra* (see above)

Script This manual was typed in KanjiWORD Version 3.0. Two kanji fonts were used throughout. Kanji Gothic is a simple, boxy-looking font not unlike block letters in Roman script. Kanji Mincho is a more refined font commonly seen in Japanese publications.

Reference Material

Foerster, Andreas and Tamura, Naoko. *KANJI ABC. A systematic Approach to Japanese Characters.* Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont, USA 1994.

KANJI ABC puts the 1,945 general use kanji into 26 groups (one for each letter of the Roman alphabet-hence the title) based on a common structural element the authors call a 'grapheme'. The organization of *KANJI ABC* makes it easier to study and memorize kanji and the book is a milestone in the evolution of

good kanji texts. There are, however, shortcomings that tend to weaken its overall effectiveness. First is the authors' relentless logic in grouping kanji. For example, the organizing principle for the first four kanji is the presence of a horizontal stroke. The kanji 一 上 下 光 are accordingly grouped together, even though there is nothing memorable about the group and it serves no mnemonic purpose. Groups also tend to be very large. Characters at the beginning of a group often have little structural similarity with those at the end and what little they do have in common may cause them to be confused during the learning process. From a mnemonic point of view such broad groupings tend to be counterproductive because they are more than the beginner can handle at one time. Other features needed in a good, all round text, such as compound words that illustrate the use of kanji, are not given. *KANJI ABC* nevertheless is a concise and useful text.

Henshall, Keneth G. A guide to Remembering Japanese Characters. Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont, USA. 1988.

Although organized in the traditional manner, this pioneering work incorporates kanji etymology and mnemonics to assist in learning the general use characters. Many will find that the long, convoluted explanations of a kanji's origins and development are just 'too much' and, in the end, not helpful for learning or remembering a character. Nevertheless, Henshall's text is a valuable English language source of information on kanji etymology.

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